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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Enclat 9/18/75 enclat; copy for Mr. [redacted] & [redacted]
[redacted] to SAC in [redacted] w/ 9/23/75 SAC req. Also
advised we located add'l material in [redacted] Co., [redacted]
[redacted] file pertaining to Mark Stone [redacted],
[redacted] material was added for [redacted] at [redacted]. Enclat
is add'l [redacted] for [redacted] & [redacted] of SAC.
This completes our response to part IV of 9/20/75
SAC req. Also advised for [redacted] records is [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] for [redacted].

SSC LETTER 8-20-75

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PART IV

Airtel 1 - Mr. R. M. Egan
1 - Mr. T. FitzPatrick

11/21/73

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA

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CGfile: 157-2754

DEfile: 157-3413

Bufile: 157-9079

BLACK P-STONE NATION

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CGfile: 157-1145

ReAirtel and LHM to Bureau 11/7/73, under first caption above.

Referenced LHM reported informant information that among important developments at the recent Republic of New Africa (RNA) sponsored Peoples' Center Council (PCC) held at Chicago, Illinois, 10/26-28/73, was the pronouncement that the Blackstone Rangers and RNA are working on an alliance which would enable the Blackstone Rangers to send any of their members who become fugitives from justice to the RNA's "land" to avoid apprehension. Bureau notes that the Blackstone Rangers are part of a violence-prone criminally-oriented black Chicago youth gang, which is part of a gang conglomerate called the Black P-Stone Nation (BPSN).

Among attendees at the PCC was Sylvester Reese, aka "Moon," Spiritual Minister and member of the "Main 21" which is the governing body of the BPSN.

1 - Detroit

1 - 157-28610 (Sylvester Reese)

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Airtel to Chicago
Re: Republic of New Africa
157-9079

Black P-Stone Nation

Chicago should promptly contact logical sources in an effort to ascertain any RNA influence on the Blackstone Rangers and/or the BPSN. Resolve if any mutual support agreements or alliances have been established between the RNA and these two groups. Also determine if any medium actually exists for the RNA to assist fugitives who are Blackstone Ranger members in avoiding apprehension. Any pertinent information developed should be promptly forwarded to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination, along with recommendation for any additional investigation to be conducted.

Chicago has previously advised that Reese joined the RNA to lend physical support to Clarence Harvey, who, until recently, has been the Consul of the Chicago chapter of the RNA. Since Harvey has quit the RNA, Chicago should also fully resolve Reese's status with the RNA and possible motives of his continued RNA association.

Extra copy being forwarded to Chicago for Chicago file 157-8984, regarding Sylvester Reese.

Information copy forwarded to Detroit as office of origin regarding the RNA.

NOTE:

Reese and Harvey are Chicago ADEX subjects due to their past activity with the RNA. No positive information has been developed that the RNA actually possesses any land yet. The "Main 21" is a group of 21 black youths who govern the BPSN. Membership in the "Main 21" periodically changes.

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1 - Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, Rm 618
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1 - Mr. Brown URGENT

CODE CABLEGRAM

TO LEGAT, BONN (157-189)

8/8/73

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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157-9522-46

BLACK P-STONE NATION, RM.

REURCAB AUGUST SIX, LAST. CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION IS KNOWN TO THE FILES OF THIS BUREAU AS AN EXTREMIST GROUP OF YOUNG NEGROES PREDOMINATELY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS BLACKSTONE RANGERS WHICH CAME TO OUR ATTENTION IN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. YOUTHS ^{ARE} PREDOMINATELY HOODLUM-TYPE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WITH LITTLE INTEREST IN POLITICAL GOALS. CURRENTLY ARE NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THIS BUREAU. INDICATIONS OF SIMILAR GROUPS BEING FORMULATED IN MAJOR CITIES IN THE CHICAGO AREA; HOWEVER, NO INDICATION THEY ARE CONTROLLED FROM CHICAGO. REPORTEDLY OBTAIN FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS POVERTY ORIENTED AND USE FUNDS TO PURCHASE GUNS, DOPE, AND OTHER NEEDS. REGION ONE, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED COPIES FBI MEMORANDA. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOW SEPARATELY. (157-9522)

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NOTE: Matter coordinated with Supervisor T. Fitzpatrick in view of the intelligence aspect.

att: T. Fitzpatrick
618 9th & D

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5:45 PM URGENT 8/6/73 MM

TO DIRECTOR NR357-Ø6

(ATTN: NAME CHECK SECTION)

FROM LEGAT BONN(157-189) IP

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BLACK P-STONE NATION, RM.

THE 66TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, U.S. ARMY EUROPE, ADVISED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED INFORMATION INDICATING THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF THE BLACK P-STONE NATION WHICH INDICATES IT IS A BLACK POWER ORIENTED ORGANIZATION WHICH MAY BE PARA-MILITARY IN STRUCTURE. 66TH REQUESTS ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN BUFILES.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SEARCH OF BUFILES CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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5 - Fitzpatrick
 6 - MR. [Signature] (Room 6113 IB)

*cc - Name Searching & Mr. Brogan
 3cc - Mr. Boynton*

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10:48 AM URGENT 8-16-72 GWM

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (ATTENTION: DID)
CHICAGO
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (157-) (2 P)

BLACK P-STONE NATION; POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BOMB
FEDERAL BUILDING, NDE, HAMMOND, INDIANA, EID -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CONTACT WITH BLACK EXTREMIST SOURCES IN THE EAST
ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AREA CONCERNING A PLAN BY CAPTIONED
ORGANIZATION TO BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT HAMMOND,
INDIANA, AND AT THE SAME TIME ASSASSINATE TWO FEDERAL
AGENTS BY BOMBING THEIR VEHICLES MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INTERESTED AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIFTEEN,

LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS

THERE ARE NO BLACK P-STONE NATION FACTIONS KNOWN TO BE IN
THE EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AREA. THE BLACK P-STONE RANGERS

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ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE IN EXISTENCE IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

THE ONLY ACTIVE BLACK EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS IN EXISTENCE AT EAST ST. LOUIS ARE THE BLACK EGYPTIANS, A BLACK EXTREMIST YOUTH GANG; THE UNITED FRONT, AN ORGANIZATION OF CLERGY AND LAYMEN WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BLACK EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST; AND THE EAST ST. LOUIS CHAPTER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

SOURCE MENTIONED IN THIS TELETYPE ARE

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THESE SOURCES REMAIN ASSIGNED FOR NY INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED. P.

INFORMANTS

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938PM NITEL 4/19/71 B & K

TO DIRECTOR

---ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION---

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

BLACK P STONE NATION DEMONSTRATION, FEDERAL BUILDING
APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. RM.

THE BLACK P STONE NATION IS AN AMALGAMATION OF THE BLACK STONE RANGERS AND OTHER CG SOUTH SIDE NEGRO STREET GANGS. AT TWO PM CST APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT, JEFF FORT, LEADER OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION AND EIGHT OTHER MEMBERS WERE AFFORDED HEARINGS BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE WILLS, CHICAGO, ILL. IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL FRAUD INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY THE FGJ, CHICAGO, ILL. ON APRIL SIX LAST. AT ABOUT ONE PM CST, MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION BEGAN ARRIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE DIRKSEN FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILL. BY TWO PM CST APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE HAD ASSEMBLED IN LOOSE GROUPS OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY OF THEM WERE ADMITTED AS SPECTATORS INTO THE COURT ROOM OF FDJ WILLS AND THE OTHERS REMAINED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING. OF THE APPROXIMATE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PEOPLE THERE WERE ABOUT THREE WHITE FEMALES IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES.

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THE REMAINING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO WERE ALL NEGROES RANGING IN AGES FROM ABOUT TEN TO THE MIDDLE THIRTIES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN WERE NEGRO FEMALES, LATE TEENS, EARLY TWENTIES. THE MAJORITY WAS COMPRISED OF NEGRO MALES RANGING IN AGE FROM MIDDLE TEENS TO EARLY TWENTIES. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF THESE PERSONS WERE WEARING "FREE JEFF FORT" BUTTONS. NO SIGNS WERE CARRIED NOR WAS THERE ANY ORGANIZED MARCHING OR ACTIVITY. THOSE PERSONS NOT ADMITTED TO THE COURT ROOM GATHERED IN SMALL GROUPS OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUILDING AND ENGAGED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. AT ABOUT THREE FORTY FIVE PM CST JUDGE WILLS COURT RECESSED AND THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE COURT ROOM LEFT THE BUILDING AND BY FOUR PM CST ONLY A FEW STRAGGLERS REMAINED OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL BUILDING. THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES, ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. ON APRIL SIX, LAST, TWENTY THREE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION WERE INDICTED BY THE FGJ, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION,
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

THE NINE THAT WERE BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE WILLS ON APRIL
NINETEEN INSTANT, ARE INCARCERATED ON A VARIETY OF LOCAL
CHARGES IN COOK COUNTY. ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES NOTIFIED BY
FBI CHICAGO.

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cc Mr. [unclear]

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520AM 12-3-70 MOB

TO DIRECTOR NITEL (KATIN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV)

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM

CG PD ADVISED INSTANT THAT TWO MEMBERS OF CG SOUTH SIDE NEGRO YOUTH GANG CALLED BLACKSTONE RANGERS ARRESTED TWELVE THIRTY AM INSTANT AND CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION. ARREST OCCURRED AS RESULT OF COMPLAINT MADE BY RESTAURANT OWNER ALVIN JANUARY, MALE NEGRO, WHO OPERATES COFFEECUP RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE ZERO ZERO SOUTH JEFFREY, CHICAGO. JANUARY CLAIMED THREE NEGRO MALES CAME INTO HIS RESTAURANT AT TWELVE TEN AM INSTANT AND DEMANDED UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE USED AS DEFENSE FUND FOR JAILED BLACKSTONE RANGER MEMBERS. WHEN JANUARY REFUSED, THEIR SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY THREATENED HIM BY STATING "WILL BE BACK TO SEE YOU". JANUARY REPORTED INCIDENT TO POLICE WHO WERE IN AREA WHEN THEY RETURNED TO RESTAURANT TWENTY MINUTES LATER. TWO OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE REUBEN ROBERTSON, MALE NEGRO AGE TWENTY SEVEN, ONE THREE FOUR FIVE EAST MARGUETTE, CG AND ARTHUR F. JONES, MALE NEGRO, AGE TWENTY TWO, SIX THREE ZERO EIGHT SOUTH HARPS CG. THE THIRD MEMBER, WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN, WAS NOT APPREHENDED.

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ARRESTEES CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION. COURT APPEARANCE SCHEDULED INSTANT. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING ARREST.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

AREA PREDOMINANTLY BLACK. CG INDICES NEGATIVE BASED ON AVAILABLE
INFO. CGPD OFFICER IS WILLIAM MURPHY, THIRD DISTRICT.

NO LHM FOLLOWS.

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8:23PM NITEL 11-19-70 DJS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-6170) 1P

(Handwritten initials and signatures)

DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK-P-STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, SEVENTY, RM.

*G.C. Moore
Tolson*

HEARING FOR JEF FORT, LEADER OF THE BLACK-P-STONE NATION HELD
BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE ROBSON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TWO PM.,
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, NOVEMBER ONE NINE, INSTANT. ROBSON ORDER
FORT TO BE RETURNED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
ABOUT SIXTY MEMBERS OF THE BLACK-P-STONE NATION, OR FORT SYMPATHIZERS,
WERE IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DURING AND SHORTLY
AFTER THE HEARING. ABOUT THIRTY FIVE WERE PRESENT IN THE COURT ROOM
AND ANOTHER TWENTYFIVE IN THE CORRIDORS. THERE WERE SEVEN NEGRO
FEMALES IN THEIR LATE TEENS AND THE REMAINDER WERE NEGRO MALES IN
THEIR LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES. NO DISTURBANCES OCCURRED AND
THESE PERSONS WERE ALL OUT OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING BY TWO FORTY FIVE PM.,

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE AND NITEL DATED NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, LAST.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. NO FURTHER ACTION CHICAGO.

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AGENCY: CRD, ~~FSB~~, ~~MB~~, ~~RAC~~, ~~CS~~

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DATE FORW: *11/30/70* *100724*

BY: *(Signature)*

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510PM NITEL 11-18-70 EMS
TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW) 1P

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DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK P-STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

THE HEARING FOR JEFF FORT SCHEDULED FOR TWO P. M. ELEVEN
EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TEN A.M. ELEVEN TWENTY, SEVENTY.
ABOUT FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE BLACK P-STONE NATION APPEARED
OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, AROUND ONE P.M.
ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, BUT LEFT IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING
THAT FORT'S HEARING HAD BEEN POSTPONED. ONE CLARENCE TORRY,
NEGRO MALE, AGE TWENTY TWO, AND A MEMBER OF THE MAIN TWENTY ONE,
THE RULING BODY OF THE BLACK P-STONE NATION, WAS ARRESTED OUTSIDE
OF FEDERAL BUILDING BY CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OUTSTANDING WARRANT
CONCERNING TEN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN
SEVENTY. CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW) 3P

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DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK P STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

CHICAGO PD ADVISED ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PERSONS, MEMBERS OF, OR SYMPATHIZERS WITH, THE BLACK P STONE NATION WILL DEMONSTRATE IN THE VICINITY OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AT ONE PM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT. DEMONSTRATION IS IN SYMPATHY WITH JEFF FORT, LEADER OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION, WHO IS IN CUSTODY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL (USM) CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FORT IS TO HAVE A HEARING AT TWO PM, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT, BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE ROBSON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT FORT SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE ILLINOIS AUTHORITIES IN CHICAGO OR RETURNED TO THE NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES.

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FORT WANTS TO BE RETURNED TO THE CUSTODY OF AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK CITY, AND THEN GO THROUGH STATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS TO RETURN HIM FROM NEW YORK TO ILLINOIS.

ON NOVEMBER NINE LAST, FORT WAS BROUGHT FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO BY UNITED STATES MARSHALS UNDER A WRIT IN ORDER FOR HIM TO APPEAR BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY SITTING IN CHICAGO.

FORT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ARRESTED BY THE NEW YORK CITY PD FOR THE CHICAGO AUTHORITIES ON THE STRENGTH OF CHICAGO WARRANTS AND WAS AWAITING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS FROM NEW YORK TO ILLINOIS AT THE TIME THE FEDERAL WRIT WAS SERVED. THE BLACK P STONE NATION IS AN AMALGAMATION OF CHICAGO STREET GANGS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CHICAGO PD SOURCE IS PATROLMAN BUICK, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ADVISED OF ABOVE. GSA BUILDING MANAGER, CHICAGO; CHIEF JUDGE ROBSON; UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, USM, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MI GROUP AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

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LHM WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN ABSENCE OF INCIDENTS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR

ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO

FROM NEW YORK 157-2580

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RACIAL MATTERS; OO- CHICAGO.

ON TEN TWENTY NINE SEVENTY, SERGEANT FRED O'REILLY AND DETECTIVE HAROLD DUFFY, MEMBERS OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO, ILL. PD ADVISED THEY WITH DETECTIVES OF NINETEENTH PRECINCT, NYCPD IN NYC HAD ARRESTED JEFF FORTE, FBI NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FIVE THREE SIX SIX F; CHESTER EVANS, FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO FOUR FIVE E; PAM VALANZUELA AND JANET CONNORS AKA "DOLL" AFTER THEY HAD PLACED SURVEILLANCE ON JANEY CONNORS WHEN THEY NOTICED HER BOARDING PLANE AT O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO, ILL. FORTE AND EVANS ARE MEMBERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, BLACK MILITANT GANG IN CHICAGO AND WANTED ON SEVERAL CHARGES IN CHICAGO WHERE WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARRESTS ARE OUTSTANDING.

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ON TEN TWENTY NINE SEVENTY, DETECTIVE EDWIN
COOPER, SSD, NYCPD, ADVISED THAT AT THREE AM, THIS
DATE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED IN ROOM NINE
THREE ONE, HOTEL CROYDON, TWELVE EAST EIGHTY SIXTH
STREET, NYC, BY DETECTIVES OF CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND ONE NINE PRECENCT, NYCPD, ON A CHARGE OF FOA

(FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES) WHICH MEANS WARRANTS ARE OUT-
STANDING IN OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS.

ARRESTED AT THE HOTEL CROYDON WERE JEEF FORTE MALE NEGRO, ^{B. APPROX} 1.4.4.
AGE TWENTY SIX, FBI FOUR SEVEN FIVE THREE SIX SIX F OF ONE

FIVE ZERO FOUR EAST SIXTY SIX PLACE, CHICAGO, ONE NINE
PRECINCT, ARREST NUMBER ONE NINE NINE NINE; CHESTER

EVANS, JR., MALE NEGRO, AGE TWENTY SIX, FBI THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO FOUR FIVE E, OF FOUR SEVEN THREE NINE

INGLESIDE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ONE NINE PRECINCT, ARREST
NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO; PAM MARSHALL AKA WALANZUELA, ^{ILL.}

FEMALE NEGRO, AGE ONE NINE, OF SIX TWO ONE NINE CALUMET STREET ILL.

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B. APPROX

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Doris K... *Traci K...*

OR SIX TWO ONE NINE KIMBARK STREET, CHICAGO, ONE NINE
PRECINCT ARREST NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO ONE; JANICE
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BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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9 BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RACIAL MATTERS
Bufile: 157-9522
Chicago file: 157-1148

ReCGlet/LHM 6/15/70 captioned "Black Panther Party;
Racial Matters - BPP."

ReLHM indicates a renewed interest in alignment
between the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro criminal youth gang,
and the black extremist Black Panther Party, both extremely
violence prone.

Your office must follow this matter closely in
order to be aware of current developments as they occur.
Appropriate informants and sources must be given specific
assignments to develop current and timely information
regarding any contemplated alignment of these two organizations.

Keep the Chicago Police Department apprised of all
pertinent information developed concerning the above possible
alignment of captioned organizations, consistent with security
of informant.

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NOTE:

The Blackstone Rangers is the largest of the Negro
youth gangs in the Chicago area and operate on the South
side. Its membership is estimated at 2,000, with the majority
of its members being teenagers. The organization has
approximately 40 subdivisions operating as individual gangs.
There is an ever present danger should this large Negro
youth gang develop black nationalism and align themselves
with black extremist organizations such as the Black Panther
Party.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS, RM.

SERGEANT THOMAS WALLER, GANG INTELLIGENCE, CHICAGO PD ADVISED FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER WORKING IN UNDERCOVER CAPACITY THAT BLACKSTONE RANGERS PLANNED TO MURDER COOK COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY EDWARD V. HANRAHAN NIGHT OF FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY. NO DETAILS REGARDING METHOD OR TIME WERE DISCLOSED. PD AFFORDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO HANRAHAN. HANRAHAN, FORMER USA, CHICAGO, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ON FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY PLANS TO VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTE BLACKSTONE RANGERS OFFENSIVE IN CONNECTION WITH RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE.

PERTINENT AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

CHICAGO SOURCES HAVE REPORTED NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE PD INFO. SOURCES ALERTED AND CHICAGO FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS, aka
Black P. Stone Nation
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of this LHM are being furnished to the USA and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago source is ~~INFORMANT~~

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Chicago following captioned matter and Bureau will be kept apprised of pertinent developments.

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Chicago, Illinois

April 21, 1970

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS, Also Known
As Black P. Stone Nation

Chicago source, reliable, on April 17, 1970, advised a meeting was held with representatives of Mayor Richard J. Daley's office and residents of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 4900 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago. This meeting was arranged in an attempt to apprise the Mayor's office concerning the activities of the youth gangs such as the Blackstone Rangers, Vice Lords, Conservative Vice Lords, and youth gang violence in Chicago in general, and to request the assistance of the Mayor's Office in curbing various gang terrorist activities on Chicago's South Side.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

U. S. Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)

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SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR), aka
BlackP. Stone Nation
RM
(OO: Chicago)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

Copies of instant LHM are being furnished to the United States Attorney, U. S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Indices of the Chicago Division reveal former main files regarding EUGENE "BULL" HAIRSTON, Chicago file 157-2990 and CHARLES EDWARD BEY, Chicago file 157-1788. Indices negative concerning others mentioned herein.

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Chicago continues to follow activities and actions of Blackstone Rangers and the Bureau will be apprised of all pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

March 10, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR)

Sergeant James Zarno, Bureau of Inspectional Services (BIS), Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Chicago B. APPROX 10-1 Police Department (CPD), 1121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1970, advised Charles Edward Bey, age 25, 6246 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, number two Chieftan of the "Main 21", Blackstone Rangers (BR), a Negro youth gang operating on Chicago's south side, was being sought by CPD in connection with the alleged beating of another youth after a reported BR gang "trial." Zarno advised that Bey and seven others are being sought for attacking Daniel Rush, age 20, 6330 South Kenwood, Chicago, after Rush was "convicted" of rape on Sunday, March 8, 1970, during the above trial held in First Presbyterian Church, 6400 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, of which Reverend John R. Fry is Pastor. Zarno advised the seven charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery and conspiracy with Bey were David L. Hartsfield, 24, 6322 South Stony Island; APPROX 10-1 Tyrone King, 32, 6319 South Kenwood; Oscar Jackson, 24, B. APPROX 10-1 6319 South Kenwood; Walter Fortner, 18, 5322 South State Street and Joseph Hill, 20, 6262 South Stony Island, all B. APPROX 10-1 Chicago. B. APPROX 10-1

Sergeant Zarno also advised Eugene "Bull" Hairston, former BR Chieftan sentenced August 14, 1968, to a five to fifteen year sentence in prison, was unanimously denied a plea for bond by the United States Supreme Court, while appealing his conviction for solicitation of murder. Zarno advised Hairston was accused of hiring fourteen or fifteen year old BR gang members to shoot three men on September 12, 1967, in Chicago, from which wounds Leo McClure, age 33, 4534 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, died.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
 RM - NOI
 Bureau File 25-330971
 Chicago File 100-35635

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
 RM
 Bureau File 157-9522
 Chicago File 157-1148

Re report of SA JOSEPH R. SHEA dated 6/20/69 at Chicago, pages 44-48.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM relating to possible lack of cooperation between the Nation of Islam (NOI) and the Black "P" Stone Nation.

CG 6896-R furnished the information set forth in the LHM, same being classified "secret" in view of the extremely sensitive position of the source.

Source advised the data set forth in the LHM attributed to JEFF FORT actually came to him personally in letter form. He read the letter to MUHAMMAD. Obviously source is in a very sensitive position in this matter.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
 - 1 - 157-9522 (BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
- 5 - Chicago
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 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - 1 - 157-1629 (JEFF FORT)

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For the above reason, this office is not advising the Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Chicago Police Department, of this data as MUHAMMAD is aware of it and as past experience has shown the GIU has not utilized the best judgment in acting on data furnished it. It is felt a foolhardy act on their part could well expose the source and jeopardize his physical well being, even his life.

Source has advised he will keep this office advised of any future developments in this matter, and if such letters are received in the future, he will suggest ELIJAH MUHAMMAD contact the GIU and even publish the contents in the "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No. 100-35635
157-1148

Chicago, Illinois
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NATION OF ISLAM

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is characterized in later pages.

A confidential informant advised as follows on August 6, 1969:

"Muhammad Speaks," Vol. 8, No. 41, June 27, 1969, page 7, set forth an interview of Captain Edward Buckney, Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Police Department, Chicago, Illinois. The interview set forth Buckney's answers to various questions about gangs engaged in slaughter on the streets and schoolyards of Chicago.

In recent days, Jeff Fort, President of the Black "P" Stone Nation, was in contact with officials of the NOI at Muhammad's Temple No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, and protested the above article claiming the NOI had joined ranks with the GIU and the political machinery of Chicago. Fort proclaimed the article to be an insult. Fort advised his group was willing to try and work out in any way the problems that beset their people but added they would not continue to tolerate misinformation from the NOI or any other group which would alienate the black community from its children.

Fort protested recent articles in "Muhammad Speaks" tended to hold his group responsible for all gang slayings; tended to imply his group was worse than the hoodlums; tended to indicate his group was accepting money from whites to perpetrate criminal acts on black people.

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Fort proposed space be given to his group in "Muhammad Speaks" to tell the black people their real goals and objectives; a meeting between himself and Elijah Muhammad be set; and no other such articles appear in the paper.

Elijah Muhammad, leader of the NOI, when informed of the above, had no noticeable reaction other than to imply Fort and his group had better not bother them. At this point there is no indication Muhammad plans to meet with Fort.

"Muhammad Speaks" is self-described in its various issues as published weekly by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 in Chicago.

The Black "P" Stone Nation is a Negro youth gang operating on the South Side of Chicago. It was formerly known as the Blackstone Rangers.

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APPENDIX

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NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on May 3, 1968, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is an all Negro organization originating in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930s. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the leader of the NOI and self-styled "Messenger of Allah" in that he claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation within the United States. Headquarters of the NOI is located at Muhammad's Temple (or Mosque) Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

MUHAMMAD teaches there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "devils," in the United States; and that the white race because of its exploitation of the so-called Negro will be destroyed by Allah in an approaching "War of Armageddon" a war between God and the devil.

Officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to comply with provisions of the Selective Service Act, stating that they respect laws of the United States as long as they do not conflict with the laws of the NOI, but do not believe the government should force them to participate in wars from which they have nothing to gain.

In the late 1950s MUHAMMAD, acting on legal advice, tempered NOI teachings against the white man and the government to avoid possible prosecution; however, basic tenets remain the same. He de-emphasized religious teachings in the NOI and emphasized economic benefits derived by so-called Negroes who join the NOI. MUHAMMAD believed this would create more interest in his programs and, of course, new followers.

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Chicago, Illinois
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Title NATION OF ISLAM
BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

FBI

Date: 5/29/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
MAY, 1969
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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CO: CHICAGO
Chicago File 157-1258 (P)

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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CO: CHICAGO
Chicago File 157-1148 (P)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/29/69, first caption, and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/28/69, second caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LEM suitable for dissemination. One copy each of this LEM is being furnished the USA and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

On the basis of available information, there were no identifiable references located regarding GREGORY GREEN, EDWARD PAYNE, MONTEL JACKSON, RICHARD MC KINNEY, WALTER JACKSON, or ARDELL CHAMBERLAIN.

The confidential source referred to herein is the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit who requested their identity be protected.

Chicago will continue to follow gang activities and report all pertinent developments to the Bureau.

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Chicago, Illinois

May 29, 1969

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157-1148

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

MAY, 1969

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A Chicago Police Department (PD) source advised on May 28, 1969, a truce had been declared between the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples, the two largest youth gangs operating on Chicago's South Side. Spokesmen for each gang advised they would discipline their members and reprimand those creating any trouble in South Side neighborhoods. Spokesmen for the gangs were critical of recent pleas by the Cook County State's Attorney in local news media requesting neighborhood cooperation by citizens in reporting gang activities.

Captain Fogerty, Watch Commander, Second PD District, advised on May 29, 1969, Gregory Green, a Negro male, age 14, residing at 4120 South Prairie Street, Chicago, was shot and killed at approximately 11:00 PM on May 28, 1969. The shooting occurred in the vicinity of 4000 South Indiana Street.

Captain Fogerty also advised that Edward Payne, Negro male, age 16, residing at 4928 East 78th Street, was shot in the hip in the vicinity of the above killing. This shooting occurred at approximately the same time as the one noted above. Payne was in good condition. According to Captain Fogerty, both were separate incidents. He concluded by saying that both incidents were believed to be related to youth gang recruiting drives in the area.

Detective Breen, Area 1, Homicide, Chicago PD, advised on May 29, 1969, the individuals set forth below were arrested and have been charged with the murder of Gregory Green:

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MAY, 1969
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Montel Jackson, Negro male, born October 11, 1950, residing at 427 East Bowen Street, second floor.

Richard McKinney, Negro male, born December 25, 1950, residing at 458 East 42nd Street.

Walter Jackson, Negro male, born July 26, 1951, residing at 4235 South Langley Street.
(No relation to Montel Jackson.)

Montel Jackson and Richard McKinney were armed when arrested.

McKinney admitted being at the scene of the Green killing and also at the scene of the shooting of Payne.

Detective Breen concluded by saying that in addition to the above three individuals arrested, the PD was also looking for one Ardell Chamberlain, Negro male, residing at 455 East 40th Street, second floor. Chamberlain is thought to be the "trigger man" of the above shooting. All are members of the Disciples.

The following agencies are being furnished a copy of this memorandum:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military
Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

FBI

Date: 5/20/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS, aka
Black P. Stone Nation
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(OO: CHICAGO)

W.F. Byrne
G. L. Moore

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of attached LHM being provided to United States Attorney, and United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Reion I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The confidential source referred to in attached LHM is Sergeant FRED BISHOP, Chicago Police Department Gang Intelligence, and the Agent who secured information is SA GERALD W. MURPHY.

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Chicago, Illinois
May 20, 1969

BLACKSTONE RANGERS, ALSO KNOWN AS
BLACK P. STONE NATION

A confidential source, who is involved in gathering intelligence information in the Chicago area, and who is familiar with youth gang activities in Chicago, provided the following information to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

The source advised the Blackstone Rangers is a Negro youth gang operating in a large territory on the south side of Chicago. This organization is considered as one of the better organized street gangs in Chicago and because of much publicity in national news media, this gang has been given added recruiting power. Because of the apparent expansion of the Blackstone Rangers they have now endeavored to expand to some of the suburban areas to the south of Chicago and generally use the name of the Black P. Stone Nation, in the areas of this current expansion.

Source also advised that many Negro youth claim affiliation with the Blackstone Rangers since it seems to serve a particular purpose when in fact the youth may not be a member. The source advised there is growing indication that the Blackstone Rangers are being used by adult individuals both white and

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Negro, in an attempt to operate quasi-legal business operations in the Negro communities. Source advise some of these business operations give the appearance of having affiliation with highly unsavory individuals.

This source advised that there are continuous rumors of members of the Blackstone Rangers becoming involved in many illegal activities such as armed robberies, burglaries, and strong-arming. Source advised that from time to time arrests have been made of individuals involved in such illegal activities and it has been learned that many of these youth have been affiliated with the Blackstone Rangers.

Source advised that there appears to be a growing number of shooting incidents involving members of the Blackstone Rangers and the number of firearms in the possession of Blackstone Ranger members also seems to be on the increase.

Source advised that the Blackstone Rangers as a group have from time to time endeavored to be involved in legal and constructive programs such as youth training in the theatre and musical events. Source advised that because the Blackstone Rangers in the past have had access to considerable amounts of funds, this has created an atmosphere of competition from other youth gangs. This competition seems to be created so that funding agencies will make money available so as to prevent further gang activities. This has apparently made gang recruitment more active and consequently intra-gang fights and shootings have been on the increase.

The source advised that the Blackstone Rangers have been affiliated with several churches on the south side of Chicago and has access to several church facilities for their meetings and places of entertainment.

The source advised that some individuals apparently members of the Blackstone Rangers have in the past several months been approaching businessmen on the south side of Chicago suggesting the businessmen "donate" money to assist the Rangers in preventing violence. Source advised that few of these events have proven to be prosecutable extortion cases, however, a suggestion of pressure is created.

Re: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Source advised that several of the Blackstone Rangers have from time to time in the past year been arrested and some are presently appealing cases in which they have been found guilty.

Source advised that in the past few months there appears to have been an indication that the Blackstone Rangers and other Negro youth gangs in Chicago have attempted to come to terms on peaceful grounds to terminate intra-gang killings or they have attempted to negotiate a coalition pact. Source advised that on at least one occasion the Black Panther Party (BPP) has made overtures of friendship with the Blackstone Rangers.

Attached hereto is a characterization of the BPP. This source advised, however, that on several occasions there have been indications of suggested armed warfare between the Blackstone Rangers and the BPP.

The source advised that Blackstone Rangers under their present structure do not appear to be interested in any close alliance with any other group and that they apparently do not have need financially or membership wise to bargain with any other organizations.

This source advised that the Blackstone Rangers has been in existence as a gang in one form or another for many years. Currently, however, the gang has been given more of a professional atmosphere, because of the involvement of old individuals and forces not within the confines of the south side Chicago. This gang more than any other in the Chicago area has taken on the more awesome atmosphere than "a mere street gang."

Copies of the memorandum are being sent to United States Attorney and United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Re: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
: Department of Justice

DATE: May 7, 1969

ATTN : Robert H. Haynes
Liaison Section

FROM : *A* Edward J. Anderson
Assistant Director for Intelligence
and Foreign Operations, BNDD

SUBJECT: Blackstone Rangers
aka Black Power Stones

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Attached is an unsigned, question and answer statement which contains information regarding the organizational structure; members; associates; finances; and tentative objectives of the Chicago, Illinois Blackstone Rangers.

This statement which was executed during the spring of 1968, also contains information about caches of weapons and the Rangers' participation in the Chicago riots of 1967 and the Democratic Convention disturbances of 1968. It was recently obtained from a reliable source by our Chicago Office.

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Q. What else can you tell us of the First Presbyterian Church?

III
A. Rev. Grye and v. Walker run the Church. Chuck LaPaglia is the Youth Councilor. Anne Schwalbuck is Treasurer. Gene and I felt that at first the Government maybe using Anne to derive information from the Rangers. She lives at 53rd and Kenwood and Chuck lives behind her. I believe she is German. Nancy is supposed to teach at the Head Start Program. She always appears to be afraid of something. Anne and the Nurse, Mae Rose controlled the Rangerettes. Gene and I stopped this. Francine used to be Fryns Secy.. Mae Rose and Anne use to give the Rangerettes Birth Control Pills and Shots to bring on their periods. Anne and Mae Rose caused troubles with the Rangerettes. We had the Rangerettes walk by the Main 21 where we would put on leather gloves and slap them around. Discipline was good except for Lamary Bell and Paul Martin. I wanted to have the Rangers wear a uniform of Jump Boots, Black Pants, Turtle Neck Black Sweater, and Patches with the Mighty Blackstone Rangers on them.

Q. How did the Blackstone Rangers get their name?

A. First it was the Rangers then we name the group the Blackstone Rangers.

III
Q. When did the Blackstone Rangers begin?

A. In 1958

Q. Who started the Rangers?

A. Edward Bey and five or six other members; Jr. Fort, Jeff Fort, Gene Hairston, Larry Bey, Eunice Bubbles Paine, Wm. Paine, Skipper Leroy Hairston, George Rose, Clarence Decker, Robert Williams or William Robertson.

Q. Were there ever executions in the Rangers?

A. No. There were with the "D"s. All Stool Pigeons had to be shot and killed. For discipline we would shoot a boy in the fatty part of the arm.

ENCLOSURE

151-9512-41

Q. What is the organizational Structure of the Main 21?

Name	Nickname	Position
Eugene Hairston	Bull	President
Jeff Fort	Angel	Vice-President
George Rose	Watusi	War Lord
William Troop	Troop	Asst. War Lord
Lamar Bell	Bop	Spokesman
George Martin	Porgy	21
Bernard Green	Droop-Col.	21
Melvin Bailey	Lefty	21
	Hutch	21
	Moose	21
Woody Brown	Woody	21
A.D. McChristian	A.D.	21
Edwin Cogwell	Caboo	21
	Little Charley	21
Leroy Hairston	Leroy	21
	Mr. Maniac	21
	Touche	21
Little Robert	Dog	21
	Bo	21
Lee Jackson	Stone	21
Paul Martin	Crazy Paul	21
Herbert Stevens	Thunder	21
Fletcher Pugh	Pugh	21
John Littleton	Hobnny O.	21
Theodus Clark	Pimp	21
Adam Baptiste	m. Batiste	21
Eddie Bey	Bey	21

Q. What is Paul Martin?

A. He is a Pimp, Bartender, Strong Arm Man

Q. How many Members do the Rangers have at this time?

A. About 6,000 not counting the adults that would join in in event trouble.

Q. Has the number of members in the Rangers changed and if so Why?

A. Yes, because of the changes in the amounts of money available.

Q. What monies are donated to the Rangers?

A. Youth Job, Urban League, Catholic School Board, TWO

Q. Who received the majority of the money collected as dues?

A. Bull and Angel

Q. What is the greatest amount of money that you have seen in the possession of the Rangers?

A. \$29,000 which I saw at Jeffs Mothers House

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- Q. Where did this money come from if you know?
- A. Dues and Protection Money
- Q. How does the protection racket work with the Rangers?
- A. Businessmen would be contacted by Bull. If they would not pay, Bull would have us wreck the joint.
- Q. Can you give specific addresses where this has happened?
- A. 67th & Blackstone, The Din, and many others.
- Q. What was the money used for that was collected?
- A. It would be used for bond money and the purchasing of guns
- Q. Where would the Rangers buy their guns?
- A. From people on the street and in the gunshops in the suburbs.
- Q. Who would buy the guns?
- A. Any one designated by Bull. Sometimes myself
- Q. How much money was spent on these guns?
- A. An average of from \$35 to \$75. .22 to .45 Caliber guns.
- Q. What can you tell us about Hand Grenades?
- A. I had about 15 from Bull. They were the Smoke and some were the fragmentation grenades. Gene bought them from a fella named Bob.
- Q. What can you tell us of any 30-30 Carbines?
- A. I have had occasion to see about seven of them.
- Q. What can you tell us of the guns that were stolen from a train?
- A. They were stolen by the Diciples and kept at a church at 74th and Maryland
- Q. How many guns could the Rangers muster if needed right at this time?
- A. About 200 easily
- Q. What was the ultimate aim of the Rangers with all of this Armament?
- A. To have a City full of Blackstone Rangers. Jeff and Bull said they would then cause a riot and then make demands.
- Q. What were the demands going to be?
- A. Jobs, Playgrounds, Building Renewal
- Q. Whose idea was it to paint the names on the buildings?
- ~~Bull~~
- A. Bull, Jeffs, and Mine to force replacing of the buildings.
- Q. Where have you traveled for the Rangers?
- A. No-where. Bull, Jeff, Bop, Green and Bey have left.
- Q. Where did they go?
- A. Philadelphia, Michigan, California
- Q. Who did they see in these States?
- A. I only know that they saw Karenga in California.
- Q. What can you tell about narcotics in the Rangers?
- A. Jeff and Bull had something to do with Jimmy Lee Strauder.
- Q. What of yourself?
- A. Jr Watts approached me for green light on the peddlers of his.

What of Jeff and Bull with Strauder?

A. He approached me as leader. I had a few hustlers working for me. He wanted me thru a rap-partner by the name of Rico to allow peddlers a free hand on 63rd and the neighborhood. Watts then offered Bull \$500 per month for this favor. The offer then went to \$700 and then \$1500 per month. Gene refused because of the Crime Syndicate.

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Q. How many peddlers would you believe there to be in the Woodlawn Area that are good pushers?

A. About 20 and they work out of taverns and off the street.

Q. What can you tell us of the Jimmy Lee Stauder Murder?

A. Bey said Bull told him that we were doing our job indicating that a Ranger had killed Strauder.

Q. What makes you think the Syndicate run the narcotics?

A. Common knowledge. Watts is supposed to work for the syndicate.

Q. What Mustangs have you seen Jeff drive?

A. A Blue one.

Q. What are the secret hiding places in the church used to hide guns?

A. Balcony in Gym, false ceiling.

Q. How many guns have you seen in that area?

A. I don't know, but I have seen K. Town bring some down.

Q. Have you ever seen Hand Grenades in the Church and if so where?

A. In the Ass't Pastors Office there was a Piano. Reach under the piano and up on a shelf there are hand-grenades. Quite a few of them.

Q. Who has the greatest knowledge of the financial status of the Rangers and the present whereabouts of their armament?

A. Bull, Jeff, Bernard Green and Eddie Bey.

Q. What people in the Civil Rights Movement have you seen Jeff or Bull Meet with?

A. Dick Gregory, Karenga, Stokley Carmichael/

Q. What can you tell us of the tunnel underneath the church?

A. The one time I was in the tunnel I was slightly bombed and don't remember much about it. The boiler room has been used to hide weapons. I hid a .410 Sawed-Off Shotgun I bought from Chicken-Cornelius who I believe his father was a police Sggt. or Lt..

Q. What can you tell us of the Planned Riot for Chicago last year?

A. We planned to take the loop about the 8th or 9th of August as the Police would be off guard. John Frye put in his two cents that the way to hust the whited was the loop because \$20 Million passes thru there a day. We planned on using the Vice Lords coming in from the North. The Puerto Ricans would come from the West., and the Rangers would come from the South and the East. Micky Cogwell and his boys would already be in the loop. We would do this at the rush hour 5 p.m.. We would begin by looting the stores and we would set fires and all of us would be armed. When we talked about these plans Frye was there for his two cents and then he would leave; also present were Chuck, Bull, Jeff, and myself. The reason that it did not come off is that I talked them out of it only because I thought that the Army would make a bigger square arounds us and that would be the end of the Rangers. Jeff was the hardest to talk out of rioting.

Q. What is planned for this Summers Convention?

A. I have seen Karenga and some guys from Detroit talking with Jeff and Bull. I know of the guys from Detroit from Earl Samuel Dillon "Sam" who is now a member of the 21. The tigers of the Sun (Black Nationalists) are with Dick Gregory. Martin Luther King will be here and they will take over the convention. King will lead the marches and block all the routes to the Ampitheatre. As yet I don't think the Rangers are committed to any one person, although a lot of money has been offered to them to help for this summer.

This movement was planned to April 68

- Q. You mentioned Marshall Korshak at at. her meeting?
- A. One day John Frye took me to see Marshal Korshak. Frye told, Korshak I was a big leader with the Rangers. Korshak asked Frye what he wanted and Frye said he wanted a Black Voice for the Ghetto. Frye said he knew that Korshak has fought a hard battle to win election but that none was as bad as what "We could put on the street with Molotov Cocktails and .38s. (This was at the end of last summer) Frye wanted Korshak to back Dick Newhouse and Korshak said that he would check with his colleague before making any committment.
- Q. Is there any National Implications of the Ranger Organiaation?
- A. There are Rangers in Milwaukee, Watts, L.A., San Francisco, and Detroit.
- Q. To your knowledge, is there any one person directing this effort?
- A. Gene Hairston was before he went to jail.
- Q. Are there any National Dues?
- A. Not yet, these groups started independantly and Gene planned on Co-ordinating one Ranger Nation. Gene knows the Adults would always support the teen-agers if a riot would break out nation-wide.
- Q. Does the Ranger Troop do any soliciting for membership while traveling to do shows?
- A. They used to but Gene stopped this.
- Q. When the Rangers made an agreement with the CPD and the Treasury Department for the Rangers to surrender their weapons what actually happened?
- A. Gene and Jeff came up with the idea and Frye agreed with it; to turn in all rusty non operating guns and for two days prior to turning the guns in I helped many of the Rangers to make zip gun and this is what we turned in. All of the working guns we kept.
- Q. Are the Black Nationalists or the Communist Party directly tie with the Blackstone Rangers?
- A. Not that I know of.
- Q. Was there ever a "Hippie" who asked the Rangers to Burn Old Town for a price?
- A. Not that I know of. There was a teacher who looked like a Hippie and he gave a Honda to Gene. He was from New York and I believe his name may have been Bob.
- Q. Who is the power that Directs Frye?
- A. I believe someone or some organization, maybe the Communist Party but I honestly can't say for sure.
- Q. On a previous interview you mentioned a \$10,000 check that Anne Schwalbuck had given to you to hold?
- A. After Hairston was in Court the second time, Anne showed me a \$10,000 check and she also had a roll of \$50s which was to be used for bail for Gene.
- Q. You also mentioned at a previous interview of an arrest in which Rev. Frys assisted you in evading the Police?
- A. The police had arrested Gene and took out their pistols and held them on Gene. Gene told me to call out the "Nation" and I did. Then a fight started on a porch and T Baby and I ran up there to grab a cop that was hitting a woman. A cop fired into the hall and I grabbed the cop. A group of cops grabbed me and drew their guns so I walked toward the Paddy Wagon. Then four shots rang out and everybody ducked down. Frye told me to come with him to the Church which I did. I got there at about 8 p.m. and left about 3 a.m..

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Date: 4/24/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522) TDF
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

Remytel to Director, dated ^{per 39} 4/22/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Review of Chicago indices developed no additional pertinent information regarding individuals mentioned in attached LHM.

Copies of instant LHM are being provided to USA, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

Chicago, Illinois
April 24, 1969

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Richard Jalovec of the Illinois State's Attorney's Office advised that on April 22, 1969, five members of the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang operating on the south side of Chicago, were indicted by a Cook County Grand Jury. These indictments were for the slaying of a radio dispatcher of the East Chicago Heights Police Station, March 9, 1969. The five charged with murder and attempted robbery were identified as Monty Powell, Negro male, age 19 of 1402 East 16th Street; Lindsey Ruffin, Negro male, age 17 of 940 East 15th Street; Aaron Overall, Negro male, age 19 of 913 East 16th Street; Joe Louis Harris, Negro male, age 21 of 1408 West 14th Street; and Charles Smith, Negro male, age 19 of 1103 Park Avenue, all addresses of East Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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Powell and Ruffin were already in custody and presiding Judge Joseph A. Power issued warrants for the remaining three.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AIRTEL^A

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
Chicago Division
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(OO: Chicago)
Bufile 105-165706 Sub 9
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR)
RM
(OO: Chicago)
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Re Butel 12/20/68, Chicago teletypes 12/19/68,
12/25/68, and Chicago airtel and LHM dated 12/20/68.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed that proposed meeting of BPP and BR scheduled for Christmas day be followed closely. Chicago teletype 12/19/68 advised of meeting between groups on 12/18/68. Chicago airtel and LHM 12/20/68 set forth information contained in Chicago teletype 12/19/68. Chicago teletype 12/25/68 advised meeting tentatively scheduled for 12/15/68 did not occur.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed Chicago submit counterintelligence proposals in effort to prevent BPP and BR combining efforts.

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Chicago letters 12/30/68, 1/13/69, 1/16/69, and 1/23/69 captioned, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE (BLACK PANTHER PARTY) (BPP)," contains Chicago's proposal in this regard.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed cache of weapons displayed by BR on 12/13/68 should be investigated regarding possibly violation of Federal statutes, and matter should be followed closely with local authorities.

Sgt. ELJIA COOK (protect), Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised on 1/23/69 that extensive investigation by "undercover unit" failed to develop any information indicating ownership or location of guns displayed on 12/13/68 by members of BR. Chicago Police Department sources, as well as former presently under consideration as racial informant, *INFORMANT* request pending with Bureau, will not testify as to information concerning BR guns on 12/13/68.

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Date: 1/7/69

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SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) -
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CHICAGO FILE 157-1291 (P)
(BUFILE 105-165706) (Sub9);
(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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CHICAGO FILE 157-1148 (P)
(BUFILE 157-9522)
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, dated 12/30/68, and Bureau airtel 1/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. One copy of this LHM is furnished San Francisco inasmuch as they are office of origin in the BPP.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, U.S. Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Naval Intelligence Service, Office, all Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Group, Evanston, Illinois. Chicago Police Department has been advised.

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- 1 - San Francisco (RM) (Info.) (Encl. 1) (157-1904)
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Source is [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1291
157-1148

BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On December 30, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Fred Hampton, Suburban Minister of State, Black Panther Party, was in telephonic contact with Jeff Fort, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, a south side Chicago gang, on December 27, 1968. Fort allegedly told Hampton that the Panthers had until noon, Saturday, December 28, 1968, to join the Rangers as Rangers or stay out of Ranger territory. Hampton allegedly countered by stating to Fort that the Rangers had until noon, Saturday, December 28, 1968, to join the Panthers as Panthers, or stay out of Panther territory, then hung up.

On January 6, 1969, source advised that the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party in Chicago had met and decided to conduct no activity or to attempt to recruit any members from the Blackstone Ranger territory.

Source advised that as of January 6, 1969, there are no plans for any further meetings between the Black Panther Party and Blackstone Rangers.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, United States Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, United States Naval Intelligence Service Office, all Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Group, Evanston, Illinois.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1291
157-1148

Title BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
 BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and
 captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

1-6-69

1 - Mr. E.M. Johnson

Airtel

To: SAC, Chicago
From: Director, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
CHICAGO DIVISION
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Reurairtel 12-30-68.

Promptly submit pertinent portions of reairtel by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination at the Bureau and locally to appropriate interested agencies.

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NOTE:

The Blackstone Rangers is a large Negro youth gang operating in Chicago's south side. The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization headquartered in Berkeley, California. Information previously received by LHM concerned a possible merger of captioned groups. Reairtel advises that each group has threatened the other to become part of their group or stay out of their territory. Such information should be set forth in an LHM and Chicago is being so instructed.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY -
CHICAGO DIVISION
RM
CHICAGO FILE 157-1291 (P)
(BUFILE 105-165706) (Sub 9);
BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
CHICAGO FILE 157-1148 (P)
(BUFILE 157-9522)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 12/25/68.

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~~former~~ advised 12/30/68, that FRED HAMPTON received phone call at Black Panther headquarters on 12/27/68, from JEFF FORT, Blackstone Ranger leader. FORT told HAMPTON the Panthers had until noon Saturday, 12/28/68, to join the Rangers as Rangers or stay out of Ranger territory. HAMPTON countered by stating the Rangers had until noon Saturday, 12/28/68, to join the Panthers as Panthers or stay out of Panther territory, then hung up.

Source advised that as of this date, there are no plans for any further meetings between the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers.

Chicago Police Dept. cognizant of above information. Chicago continues to closely follow activities and Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY,
CHICAGO DIVISION
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Blackstone Rangers
RACIAL MATTERS
Chicago file 157-1148
Bureau file 157-9522

Re Bureau teletype 12/20/68, and Chicago teletype 12/19/68, both under above captions.

Chicago is following closely the matter regarding a possible coalition involving the captioned organizations, as set forth in referenced Chicago teletype. In the event the scheduled Christmas meeting between these two clubs takes place, Chicago will provide the Bureau with pertinent information by teletype as requested, immediately upon receipt.

A counterintelligence proposal regarding this matter was submitted by Chicago 12/16/68, under the caption, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS RACIAL INTELLIGENCE."

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Chicago has made available all information regarding this matter to appropriate units within the Chicago Police Department as well as the Alcohol Tobacco Tax Unit, (ATTU) the latter of which has primary investigative jurisdiction in firearms matters. Previous information concerning use and possession of weapons by both groups has also been made available to ATTU.

As a matter of information, the Gang Intelligence Unit of the Chicago Police Department has advised that its latest information reflects no weapons to be currently stored at the First Presbyterian Church, 64th and Kimbark. Information from Chicago sources in this matter does not indicate cache of weapons to be located at this church.

Weapons involved in the meeting on 12/18/68, were carried by the individual members of the Blackstone Rangers with no indication as to exactly where these weapons were obtained or stored.

Chicago is following closely and all pertinent developments will be appropriately provided for the Bureau.

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- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. E.R. Stark
- 1 - Mr. T.J. Deakin
- 1 - Mr. R.M. Horner
- 1 - Mr. E.M. Johnson

TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, CHICAGO DIVISION
 RACIAL MATTERS
 CHICAGO FILE 157-1291
 BUREAU FILE 105-165706-Sub-9

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
 RACIAL MATTERS
 CHICAGO FILE 157-1148
 BUREAU FILE 157-9522

REURTEL DECEMBER NINETEEN LAST. FOLLOW PROPOSED MEETING OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSELY. SUTEL PERTINENT DATA. FOLLOW WITH LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM. ALSO FOLLOW MATTER OF WEAPONS CLOSELY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION AND CONTEMPLATED ACTION ON THEIR PART. BUREAU MOST INTERESTED IN PREVENTING POSSIBLE COMBINING OF BPP AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS. PROMPTLY SUBMIT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD.

CONCERNING CACHE OF WEAPONS DISPLAYED BY BLACKSTONE

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TELETYPE TO SAC CHICAGO
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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RANGERS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REGARDING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
FIREARMS ACTS AND UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
BY THIS GROUP. SUBMIT DATA DEVELOPED IN THIS REGARD UNDER
APPROPRIATE CAPTION.

NOTE:

The Chicago branch of the BPP is a black extremist, violence prone organization. The Blackstone Rangers is the largest of the Negro youth gangs in Chicago. The Blackstone Rangers is extremely violence prone and have a membership estimated in the thousands. On 12/18/68 the above two groups had a secret meeting to discuss possibility of combining groups. Nothing decided but to meet again on Christmas Day. The Blackstone Rangers, as a show of power, exhibited a large cache of weapons including machine guns, shotguns, revolvers and carbines. Possible violation of Federal Firearms Act discussed with Division Six and they are in agreement with instructions set out above.

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HAD FORTYFIVE CALIBER REVOLVERS AND ALL WEAPONS GAVE APPEARANCE OF BEING NEW. NOT AWARE IF RANGERS HAVE AMMO FOR WEAPONS. ALMOST EVERYONE PRESENT EXCEPT THREE WOMEN WERE ARMED.

MEETING WAS TO DISUCSS POSSIBILITY OF COMBINING ABOVE GROUPS, HOWEVER, THING DECIDED EXCEPT TO MEET AGAIN ON CHRISTMAS DAY, LOCATION UNKNOWN THIS TIME.

SOURCE ADVISED UNKNOWN SPOKESMAN FOR BPP INDICATED TO BR DESIRES BR AND BPP TO WORK TOGETHER. SOURCE ADVISED SPOKESMAN FOR BR INDICATED THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF BPP, BUT WERE SYMPATHETIC WITH BPP.

SOURCE STATED RANGERS GAVE PANTHERS ONE OF THE ABOVE FORTYFIVE CALIBER MACHINE GUNS TO TRY OUT. CHICAGO PD SOURCE, ADVISED INSTANT THEY HAVE RECEIVED UNEVALUATED INFORMATION RE ABOVE MEETING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

FIRST SOURCE IS ~~REDACTED~~ WHO IS BEING OPENED AS A RACIAL SOURCE AND LETTER BEING SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU APPROVAL. CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE IS INTELLIGENCE UNIT, WHO WAS FURNISHED INSTANT DATE, INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO ~~REDACTED~~ *INFORMANT* ~~REDACTED~~ *INFORMANT* IN SUITABLE FORM TO PROTECT ~~REDACTED~~ ~~REDACTED~~ SECRET SERVICE, USA, ATTK AND MILITARY ADVISED.

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FBI

Date: 12/2/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 11/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. One copy each of this LHM is being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

As of December 1, 1968, Officer WILLIAM RICHTER, Department of the Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised that as a result of the arrests reported in the enclosed LHM, there has been no known repercussions, and the south side area has remained quiet.

This matter is being followed with the Chicago Police Department, and the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IIU, RAO, CD,
ACSI, OSI, SS

HOW FORW: _____

DATE FORW: DEC 10 1968

BY: *[Handwritten initials]* 100-836

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11) *[Handwritten: MEASURE]*
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- 1 - 157-1629 (JEFF FORT)
- 1 - 157-1258 (YOUTH GANGS) REC 22

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G. C. - DOROP

Approved: 57 DEC 19 1968

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

Chicago, Illinois
December 2, 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On November 30, 1968, Officer Woods, Youth Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that on this date Jeff Fort, president of the Blackstone Rangers, led a group of about 900 Negro teen-agers on a march from 59th Street and Dorchester Street to 55th Street and Wentworth Avenue. The purpose of this march was reportedly to rename State Street "Pony Soldier Avenue" after a deceased Blackstone Ranger. This group became rowdy, harassing whites and Negroes along the route, at which point the police broke up the march, arresting Jeff Fort and 45 others, mostly juveniles, charging them with disorderly conduct and mob action. He advised there were no injuries reported, and the area remained calm.

The Blackstone Rangers are a large Negro youth gang operating on the south side of Chicago.

On December 1, 1968, Officer William Richter, Department of the Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised that Jeff Fort was released on bond and that all juveniles arrested in the above incident were released to the custody of their parents. He advised that the south side area of this incident remained quiet with no apparent repercussions.

One copy each of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, the United States Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/1/68

Attached concerns racial disturbance in Chicago led by Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang:

Copies of attached sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)(P)

Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Lavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

Racial Matter
BLACKSTONE RANGERS. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

Chicago Police Department
OFFICER WOODS, INTELLIGENCE UNIT ~~CCPD~~ ADVISED INSTANT

JEFF FORT, PRESIDENT, BLACKSTONE RANGERS LED GROUP OF ABOUT NINE HUNDRED NEGRO TEENAGERS ON MARCH FROM FIFTYNINTH STREET AND DORCHESTER STREET TO FIFTYFIFTH STREET AND WENTWORTH AVE. DURING LATE AFTERNOON HOURS. PURPOSE OF MARCH TO RENAME STATE SOUTH STREET, BONY SOLDIER AVE AFTER DECEASED BLACKSTONE RANGER.

GROUP BECAME ROWDY, HARRASSING WHITES AND NEGROS ALONG ROUTE. POLICE BROKE UP MARCH ARRESTING FORT AND FORTY FIVE OTHERS, MOSTLY JUVENILES WHOSE IDENTITIES NOT AVAILABLE, CHARGING THEM WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND MOB ACTION.

NO INJURIES REPORTED, AREA NOW CALM.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MILITARY ADVISED. USA, *Horney* SECRET SERVICE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING *Memo* CHICAGO FOLLOWING, BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date: 11/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
(OO: Chicago)

E.T. M... (RM 2260)

Remytel, dated 11/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning captioned matter.

Source referred to in LHM is Sergeant LAWRENCE GIBBINS, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, Youth Gang Intelligence.

One copy each of above mentioned LHM is being forwarded to USA's Office, Chicago, and Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and the 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

AGENCY: AGSF, MID, OSI, SSG, SGT...
REF: ... CO, C.R.D.

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- 3- Chicago
- 1- 157-2158 (FRY)
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-1148)

Chicago, Illinois
November 6, 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On November 4, 1968, source who furnished reliable information in the past, reported that "No-Voter" signs are being painted all over the southside of Chicago, and that these signs are the work of the Youth Gang known as the Blackstone Rangers. Source attributes the idea of the signs to recent statements of Reverend John Fry, of the First Presbyterian Church, 64th and Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Fry is closely associated with the Blackstone Rangers, and the Rangers meet regularly at his church. Source believed that the Blackstone Rangers may attempt, by threat of violence, to intimidate voters away from polls on election day, November 5, 1968. Further source noted that similar signs are appearing on the westside of Chicago, which is not Ranger territory.

On November 4, 1968, Chicago press media quotes Blackstone Rangers spokesman to the effect that he is claiming Rangers are distributing literature on a citywide scale, urging voters to stay home on Election Day, November 5, 1968, as a repudiation of Mayor Daley. Spokesman claims that this is the first step to the takeover of the Chicago political apparatus by 1970 (presumably the Rangers).

On November 5, 1968, Officer Chanski, Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Field Services, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, reported to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that he had just been notified by the communications center of his department, that an anonymous telephone call had been received concerning the Blackstone Rangers. Officer Chanski stated that the caller indicated the Rangers would cause disturbances at a polling place located at 55th and Michigan Avenues; and at a polling place on 55th Street, between Michigan and Indiana Avenues, and other polling locations in that area.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

In addition, Officer Chanski noted that the Blackstone Rangers youth gang had established headquarters at the Cryle Hotel, 5450 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Officer Chanski stated that his department was on the alert for any possible disturbances or trouble, and should anything develop, the Chicago Office of the FBI will immediately be notified.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Secret Service, Chicago, and the 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/4/68

Attached relates to Blackstone Rangers, a Chicago, Illinois Negro youth gang responsible for "No-Vote Signs" painted all over South Side of Chicago and same gang may attempt to threaten violence to keep voters from polls. This activity allegedly to repudiate Mayor Daley.

Appropriate local authorities cognizant. Chicago office following closely. Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General. Pertinent parts of attached to be included in summary teletype to White House and other interested levels of Government.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

BLACKSTONE RANGERS.

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, REPORTS NO - VOTE SIGNS ARE PAINTED ALL OVER SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO. SIGNS WORK OF YOUTH GANG BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SOURCE ATTRIBUTES IDEA TO RECENT STATEMENTS REVEREND JOHN FRY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTY FOURTH AND KIMBARK, CHICAGO. FRY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH BLACKSTONE RANGERS WHO MEET REGULARLY HIS CHURCH. SOURCE BELIEVES RANGERS MAY ATTEMPT TO THREAT^{EN} OF

VIOLENCE TO INTIMIDATE VOTERS AWAY FROM POLLS. SIMILAR SIGNS APPEARING ON WEST SIDE OF CHICAGO

WHICH IS NOT RANGER TERRITORY.

BLACKSTONE RANGERS SPOKESMAN IN NEWS MEDIA TODAY.

CLAIMS RANGERS DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON CITY WIDE SCALE URGING VOTERS TO STAY HOME TOMORROW AS A REPUDIATION OF MAYOR DALEY. SPOKESMAN CLAIMS THIS FIRST STEP TO TAKE

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OVER CHICAGO POLITICAL APPARATUS BY NINETEEN SEVENTY.
ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS SERGEANT LAWRENCE GIBBINS, CHICAGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT YOUTH GANG INTELLIGENCE. CHICAGO PD ALERTED TO
POSSIBLE CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION AND WILL REFER TO FBI.

CHICAGO ALERT TO POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATIONS AND FOLLOWING

~~CIN~~ ~~CLOSE AND SECRETARY~~ ~~ADVISED~~ ~~LHM~~ *SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. MEMO FOLLOWS*

FOLLOWS.

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~~CLOSELY. MILITARY, USA, AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM~~
FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : *WMA*
C SAC, MOBILE (157-2788) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

nk Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 9/16/68, and
Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 9/4/68.

P On 9/26/68, PARKER LEE JACKSON was again contacted
at the Montgomery County Jail and advised that he was to
appear for a preliminary hearing at 2:00 P.M. this date.
PARKER stated he could not say whether the BLACKSTONE
RANGERS still exist in Montgomery since BENNIE BURTON and
he had been jailed.

JACKSON advised that he did not believe the group
in Montgomery was involved in racial matters but their
purpose was to commit criminal acts to get money. PARKER
advised that the group here was an isolated group not
connected with or receiving direction from Chicago. He
stated the only two members associated with the Chicago
organization were BURTON and himself. JACKSON advised
he could not offer any additional information on the Chicago
group as he had not had any word from anyone since being in
Montgomery.

id On this same date, ED WRIGHT, Captain, Youth Aid
Division, Police Department, Montgomery, Alabama, and
Lieutenant O. M. STRICKLAND advised that no activity from
the group associated with JACKSON and BURTON had been re-
ported since they were both placed in jail. WRIGHT advised
that this group associated themselves more in the criminal
field and no evidence of any of the group being involved in
racial matters had been presented.

REC 11

- ②-Bureau (RM)
- 1-Chicago (157-1148) (Info) (RM)
- 3-Mobile
 - (1-157-2788)
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MO 157-2788

On 10/14/68, J. D. GAFFORD, Identification Division, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that PARKER LEE JACKSON and WILLIE B. DAVIS, two Negro inmates of the jail escaped from custody of a Deputy Sheriff at the County Health Clinic where they had been taken to receive shots. GAFFORD advised that both were serving misdemeanor charges as they had been bound over to the County Grand Jury but had not yet been indicted. *filed*

No further investigation concerning the BLACKSTONE RANGERS is being conducted at this time. ✓

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Date: 10/9/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1158) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

Re Mobile airtel and LHM to the Bureau dated 9/4/68; Springfield airtel to Director dated 9/12/68; Chicago airtel and LHM dated 9/16/68, all captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Copies of LHM being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, U.S. Attorney, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston.

Two copies of LHM being furnished Springfield Division.

First Source is Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department.

Second Source utilized is CSCG7300-R.

Third Source is LEON WEST, a CS-R who is acquainted with the Blackstone Ranger gang and some members.

Chicago continues to follow this situation and the activities of the Blackstone Rangers and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
 - 2 - Springfield (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - Chicago
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AGENCY: ACSI, WFO, OSI, SEC. SERV.;
DEPT: ISD, CRB, IAD, IDIC

HOW FORW: h/s
DATE FORW: 10/11/68

BY: [Signature]

C. C. Bishop

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

October 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-1158

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source which collects background and intelligence type data in the Chicago area advised during September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers gang started around 1959 on Chicago's south side. Source stated that this gang, made up of Negro youths, has grown year by year and its membership now probably totals in the thousands. Source stated that Eugene Hairston, now in prison for conviction of solicitation to commit murder, and Jeff Fort, who recently walked out of Senator Mc Cellan hearings in Washington, D.C., are the two main leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. Source also advised that a governing group known as the "Main 21" more or less run the affairs of the Blackstone Rangers and that this group changes from time to time.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Source also advised that the Blackstone Ranger gang from their inception have only operated and conducted their activities on Chicago's south side with East 63rd Street being a focal point. Source also advised that he has never heard of the Cermak District. Source advised there is a Cermak Road in Chicago, but the Rangers have never known to operate in this area.

On October 7, 1968, source was recontacted and advised he has developed no information concerning activity of the Rangers on Cermak Road. No information has been received concerning the Rangers in any area outside Chicago, specifically Peoria, Illinois. Source states he knows of no connection

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between the Rangers in Chicago and any Negro youth gangs in Peoria.

A second source, who is acquainted with youth gangs in the City of Chicago advised in September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers, have always operated on Chicago's south side in the area around East 63rd Street.

This source advised there are Negro youth gangs operating in the Cermak Road area of Chicago, but they belong to different youth gangs.:

Source advised on October 7, 1968, that he has developed no information concerning any plans of Blackstone Rangers to destroy any areas of the city by fire during September or any similar plans concerning Peoria, Illinois, during October, 1968.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is acquainted with the activities of the Blackstone Rangers advised during September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers have never been known to operate on Cermak Road in Chicago.

This source advised on October 7, 1968, that he has developed no information concerning any activity planned by the Rangers in Peoria, Illinois, and considers it very unlikely. He knows of no contact between the Rangers or any group in Peoria.

The above information has been furnished to United States Secret Service, Chicago, United States Attorney, Chicago, Region I 113th M.I. Group, Evanston.

FBI

Date: 9/16/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

REC 45

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

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Re Mobile airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the Bureau dated 9/4/68.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

First source utilized is Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department. Second source utilized is CS CG 7300-R. Third source utilized is LEON WEST, a CS-R who is acquainted with the Blackstone Ranger gang and some of their activities.

Sergeant GARLAND DAVIS, Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department, advised on 9/9/68 that there are no warrants outstanding for either BENNIE BURTON or PARKER LEE JACKSON.

It should be noted that the Chicago Office has a pending case and is following the activities of the Blackstone Rangers.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 3 - Mobile (Enc. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
 - (1 - 157-PARKER LEE JACKSON)
 - (1 - 157-BENNIE BURTON)
- 1 - Chicago

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DATE FORN: 7/20/68
BY: C.M.T./

C.C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

SEP 16 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source, which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on September 9, 1968, that there is no indication that Bennie Burton or Parker Jackson are being sought by any law enforcement agency in the Chicago area.

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This source also advised that the Blackstone Ranger gang started around 1959 on Chicago's south side. Source stated that gang, made up of Negro youths, has grown year by year and its membership now probably totals in the thousands. Source also stated that Eugene Hairston, now in prison for conviction of solicitation to commit murder and Jeff Tort, who recently walked out of Senator McClellan hearings in Washington, are the two main leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. Source also advised that a governing group known as the "Main 21", more or less run the affairs of the Blackstone Rangers and that this group changes from time to time.

Source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers gang from their inception have only operated and conducted their activities on Chicago's south side with East 63rd Street being a focal point. Source also advised that he has never heard of a Cermak District. Source did state that there is a Cermak Road, but he has never known the Blackstone Rangers to operate in that area.

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ENCLOSURE

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A second source who is acquainted with youth gangs in the City of Chicago, advised on September 10, 1968, that Parker Jackson and Bennie Burton are unknown to him. This second source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers, since their inception, have always operated in an area on Chicago's south side in the vicinity of East 63rd Street. This second source advised that there are Negro youth gangs operating in the Cermak Road area on Chicago's west side, but they belong to an entirely different youth gang.

A third source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is acquainted with activities of the Blackstone Rangers advised on September 9, 1968, that Parker Jackson and Bennie Burton are unknown to him. This third source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers have never operated on Cermak Road on Chicago's west side and that to the best of his knowledge there is no district known as the Cermak District.

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Date: 9/12/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL _____
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-189)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Butler*

Re: Mobile airtel to Bureau, 9/4/68
Springfield airtel 9/11/68

In view of the information contained in memorandum dated 9/4/68 at Mobile, Alabama, indicating certain sections of Peoria, Illinois, will be burned down during the month of October, the Chicago Office should immediately contact racial informants and other strategically placed sources who can report on plans of Blackstone Rangers for specific plans regarding the forthcoming incident at Peoria, Illinois. Chicago should capitalize on any rapport developed through interviews of Blackstone Rangers' members during Demcon investigation into their activities, and attempt to enlarge upon information contained in memorandum dated 9/4/68 at Mobile, Alabama. Upon development of positive information, it should be expeditiously furnished Springfield Division so appropriate authorities may be notified.

In the event Chicago obtains information indicating information provided by the Mobile Division by PARKER LEE JACKSON (PROTECT IDENTITY) is without foundation in fact, this should also be provided Springfield, together with documentation which contradicts allegation of racial incident to occur at Peoria during that time.

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- 3 - Bureau
 - 2 - Chicago
 - 2 - Mobile
 - 2 - Springfield (157-189)
- (1: 157-553) (Blackstone Rangers)

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

554 AM URGENT 9/9/68 ERH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P)

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

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DETECTIVE WILLIAM STROCCHIA, AREA ONE HOMICIDE, CHICAGO PD, ADVISED FOUR THIRTY AM, INSTANT, THAT GANG SHOOTING BETWEEN COBRA STONES AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS TOOK PLACE ONE FIFTEEN AM, INSTANT, AT ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES, FIFTY THIRD AND STATE ST., CHICAGO. AREA OF SHOOTING ALL NEGRO AND COBRA STONES AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS ARE NEGRO YOUTH GANGS LOCATED SOUTH SIDE CHICAGO WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN NEGRO TEENAGE WAR FARE PREVIOUSLY.

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STROCCHIA ADVISED CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY GUARD WILLIAM ELLIS, FOUR FIVE FIVE FOUR SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, HEARD GUNFIRE AT ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES AND OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY SIX YOUTHS ON GROUND RETURNING GUNFIRE INTO UPPER STORIES OF BUILDING LOCATED FIFTY TWO FORTY SEVEN SOUTH STATE, CHICAGO. RIFLE, SHOTGUN AND PISTOL FIRE INVOLVED.

YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS JOHN L. HENRY, M/N, DOB TEN TWENTYFIVE,

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FOURTYSEVEN, FIFTY SIX FIFTY SIX SOUTH PRINCETON OBSERVED BY ELLIS COMING OUT OF BUILDING WITH GUN IN HAND. HENRY FIRED FOUR SHOTS AT ELLIS, WHO RETURNED FIRE WOUNDING HENRY IN RIGHT SHOULDER. ELLIS UNINJURED.

CHICAGO PD ARRIVED ON SCENE AND YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM A. MARTIN, M/N, DOB NINE TWENTYNINE, FOURTYNINE, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN FEDERAL, APT. ONE FIVE ZERO NINE, SHOT IN LEFT THIGH.

JEROME COGWELL, M/N, DOB THREE TWENTYEOUR, FOURTYNINE, FIVE TWO FIVE SIX SOUTH PRINCETON, LATER FOUND AT SCENE WITH BULLET WOUND IN HEAD. COGWELL'S ASSAILANT UNKNOWN. ALL OTHER YOUTHS ESCAPED.

MARTIN AND HENRY TAKEN TO PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY JAIL HOSPITAL, IN GOOD CONDITION. COGWELL IN SURGERY AT BILLINGS HOSPITAL AND NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. STRCCHIA ADVISED COGWELL ONE OF LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND THAT NUMBER TWO MAN IN RANGERS. JEFF FORT, REPORTEDLY AT HOSPITAL DEMANDING PROPER TREATMENT FOR COGWELL. THIRTY FIVE - FIFTY NEGROS CAME TO HOSPITAL, ENGAGED IN CHANTS, AND DISPERSED. AREA NOW QUIET BUT CHICAGO PD FOLLOWING WITH VIEW TOWARD NEW OUTBREAK OF TEENAGE GANG WARFARE.
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MARTIN AND HENRY UNIDENTIFIABLE CHICAGO INDICES, HOWEVER CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING COGWELL'S ASSOCIATION WITH BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SOURCES ASSIGNED. CLOSE LAISON WITH CHICAGO PD MAINTAINED.

MILITARY ADVISED. USA AND SECRET SERVICE BEING FURNISHED COPY OF FOLLOWING LHM.

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SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Enclosed for the Bureau and other offices are copies of LHM reflecting information furnished concerning captioned organization by PARKER LEE JACKSON (PROTECT IDENTITY) who is of unknown reliability.

On 8/29/68, ALEX AINSLEY, Detective, Montgomery Police Department, advised that he had interviewed a Negro male, PARKER LEE JACKSON, at Montgomery County, Alabama, Jail, in connection with a series of strong armed robberies of taxi cabs in the Montgomery, Ala., area. AINSLEY advised that JACKSON advised him he was residing locally with his grandfather, Rev. BOBBIE JACKSON, 316 Troy St., Montgomery, but that he had resided in Chicago, Ill., and was a member of the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro group in that area.

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This same date, JACKSON was interviewed by SAs of the Mobile Division and he furnished the information contained on the LHM. JACKSON advised that he did not wish his name disclosed as the Blackstone Rangers at the present time are only located in the Chicago area and disclosure would mean certain death to him.

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JACKSON advised that he and another member of the Blackstone Rangers, BENNIE BURTON, were arrested in Montgomery in connection with the robberies of taxi cab operators. JACKSON advised he believes BURTON is wanted by the Chicago Police but did not know for what charge. JACKSON advised that BURTON was being held at the Montgomery City Jail on a similar charge, but that BURTON was not likely to furnish any information concerning the Blackstone Rangers. JACKSON advised that his reason for furnishing the information was that he did not like to see people get hurt.

Montgomery County Jail records reflect the following description of JACKSON:

Name	PARKER LEE JACKSON
Address	316 Troy Street, Montgomery.
DOB	6/10/52
POB	Montgomery, Ala.
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5'11"
Weight	152 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Brickmason
Relatives	Mother - MARY JACKSON deceased Father - BERNARD JACKSON Chicago, Ill., specific address unknown as he has recently moved. Brother - BUFORD JACKSON 5337 S. Preston St., Chicago Ill., Sister - VIRGINIA JACKSON STURDIVANT, address with father. Sister - SHIRLEY JACKSON address - with father Sister - BARBARA JACKSON, 316 Troy St., Montgomery,

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Grandfather - Rev.
BOBBIE JACKSON, 316
Troy St., Montgomery.

Montgomery PD records furnished by the Identification Division on 8/30/68 reflect the following information concerning BURTON:

Name	BENNIE BURTON
Address	314 Auburn St., Montgomery, Ala.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	170 lbs.
DOB	4/5/45
POB	Montgomery, Ala.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Stocky
FBI #	884 129E
Father	EARLIE BURTON - PO Box 65 Cecil, Ala.
Occupation	Cook - Holiday Inn, Southwest, Montgomery

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION. Will furnish information contained on LHM to interested agencies in that area and furnish Mobile Division information concerning Blackstone Rangers.

Will further contact Chicago PD concerning BURTON and PARKER to determine if they are wanted by that agency.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION at Peoria, Illinois. Will furnish information contained on LHM to interested agencies in that area.

MOBILE at Montgomery, Alabama. Will attempt to obtain further additional background re JACKSON and BURTON.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
September 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 29, 1968, source of unknown reliability informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the existence of the Blackstone Rangers in Chicago, Illinois, and that this group is composed of 5,679 members headed by a Negro male by the name of JEFF FORT, age 17, residing 6347 Blackstone Street, Chicago, Illinois. Source advised that he has been a member of this group for about 2 years and that the entire group lives in the area residing in the Cermack District of Chicago. B. APPROX

He advised that the headquarters for the Blackstone Rangers is located in a church at the corner of 63rd and State Street and this church was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Government and that the white preacher or priest who testified had lied about there being guns, ammunition and other weapons in the church. Source advised that the weapons are contained in a vault underneath the front steps of the church and that they are located in a vault which only the priest and JEFF FORT are able to open. Source advised that the vault contains at least 25 rifles and 50 pistols and ammunition for each and that there are grenades and other weapons and that most of these have been stolen from pawn shops throughout the Chicago area.

Source advised that the Rangers consist of a number of smaller groups which meet every night of the week except Sunday and that each group is headed up by a President who maintains the records and the smaller groups number in size anywhere from 200 and up. The source advised that all the groups use the church as their meeting place and that the purpose of the group is to fight the white people. Source advised that two scheduled acts of violence are to take place, one in the Cermack District of Chicago during the month of September in that they are going to burn a large portion of the

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Cermack District, but advised that no certain date has been set, that this will occur during the month of September. Source further advised that a second occurrence is supposed to take place in Peoria, Illinois, during the month of October and that certain sections of Peoria will be burned down. Source advised that only JEFF FORT would know the dates that this was to take place as he will pick the date.

Source advised that the Rangers receive their backing from money put up by the Federal Government to equip and open barber shops, dance halls, ice cream parlors and restaurants in the Cermack District and that the proceeds are turned over to the Blackstone Rangers. Source advised that these establishments were opened by the Government to provide jobs for the unemployed in the area and that he believes the white priests have been instrumental in obtaining the Federal funds.

~~X~~ Source advised that a Negro singer by the name of OSCAR BROWN, JR., well known to the teenage set, also sponsors the Blackstone Rangers and that he will personally charter buses for any excursion that the Rangers plan. Source furnished the following names of members of the Blackstone Rangers whom he could recall. He advised that he only knows some by nicknames and does not know where they all reside. He advised that they all live in the Cermack area and that members of the group are:

~~X~~ EUGENE HARRIS - address unknown
~~X~~ JAMES BUTLER - residing near 18th and Trimbald Streets
in Chicago
~~X~~ LOLLIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) - who resides 1437 Trimbald
Street
~~X~~ WATE, who resides at 3030 Trimbald Street,
~~X~~ SYLVESTER STRONG, who resides near 14th and Holman
Streets in Chicago,
~~X~~ ELMER STRONG, same address,
~~X~~ WILLIE FLOWERS, residing near 13th and Drake Streets.

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following members are known only by their nicknames as ~~ANGEL WATUSI~~, ~~BLACK-BOY~~, ~~HURK~~.

The source advised that the vault in the church at 63rd and State is located under the front entrance and that you get there by taking the stairs on the right and go to the basement and that the vault is located under the steps.

Source advised he knows of no other groups that are started in other sections of the country but thinks some attempt might have been started to form groups in Detroit, Michigan, however, he could not verify this. He further advised that the reason for going to Peoria in October was that MARTIN LUTHER KING was supposed to have a march there which had never come off and that the Blackstone Rangers are going to go there and finish the job. He advised that if and when they go to Peoria that in all probability OSCAR BROWN, JR. will charter the buses and make all the arrangements for the group to travel.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/29/68

Attached relates to Chicago youth gang activity and indicates the peace between two rival gangs has been broken.

Local police, military, and Secret Service cognizant. Copy of attached has been furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General, Secret Service, and Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division being advised at headquarters level.

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Mr. Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tavel	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Miss Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P) (157-1148) (P) 2P

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILL., AUG., SIXTYEIGHT.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM. OO: CHICAGO.

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E. J. Hines*

Police Department

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GEORGE THOMAS, NEGRO

MALE, AGE FIFTEEN, ARRESTED INSTANT BY CHICAGO PD FOR SHOP-LIFTING. UPON INTERVIEW, THOMAS ADVISED HE WOULD FURNISH INFO RE LARGE CACHE OF GUNS SEEN BY HIM.

THOMAS STATED AUG. TWENTYFIVE, LAST, HE VIEWED GUNS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTYFOUR HUNDRED S. KIMBARK AVE.

SOURCE ADVISED ABOVE CHURCH MEETING PLACE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, LARGE NEGRO YOUTH GANG OPERATING CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE.

GANG RECENTLY RECEIVED NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY DURING SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS HEADED BY SENATOR MC CLELLAN.

SOURCE ADVISED THOMAS CLAIMED JEFF FORT, LEADER, BLACKSTONE RANGERS, AT MEETING HELD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON AUG.

TWENTYFIVE, LAST, EXHIBITED BOX OF RIFLES AND THIRTYEIGHT

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CALIBER PISTOLS. ACCORDING TO THOMAS, FORT STATED RANGERS WERE GOING TO MAKE WAR ON DISCIPLES, RIVAL NEGRO YOUTH GANG ALSO ACTIVE CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE. FORT INDICATED TO GROUP PRESENT ANYONE WANTING TO COULD TRADE SHOTGUNS FOR HANDGUNS. THOMAS ADVISED PD SOURCE DISCIPLES ALLEGEDLY HAD BROKEN PEACE TREATY WITH RANGERS. ACCORDING TO THOMAS, THIS WAS NOT BIG RANGER NATION MEETING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS ^{CHICAGO} CPD, GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT. PD CONTINUING INVESTIGATION. MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA ^{ATTORNEY} ADVISED. NO IDENTIFIABLE REFS CG INDICES RE THOMAS. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. ^{MEMO} LHM FOLLOWS. ^{Alcohol & Tobacco Tax} ^{DIVISION} ATT'D ADVISED.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (175-New) (RUC)

GEORGE L. ROSE, aka *Ill*
"Watusi"
RM;
THREAT TO LIFE JEFF FORT;
UNSUBS;
LONNIE KING - COMPLAINANT;
CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(CO:CG)

Re Chicago teletype 8/18/68 to Bureau, WFO and Minneapolis.

On 8/18/68, DONALD F. O'DONNELL, Chief Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, United States Senate, was telephonically advised by WFO of information contained in re teletype that GEORGE L. ROSE, aka "Watusi," had been marked for assassination by the Blackstone Rangers. Mr. O'DONNELL recalled ROSE had recently testified before his Subcommittee in regard to Blackstone Ranger activities in Chicago. He understood the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department had maintained ROSE in a safekeeping status during the time of these hearings.

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On 8/19/68, SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., contacted O'DONNELL at the United States Senate and was advised by him that his records indicated ROSE had been released from safe-keeping, Chicago Police Department, following the above-mentioned subcommittee hearings at Chicago. He said his records contained no indication as to ROSE's present whereabouts.

For information of Bureau, Chicago, and Minneapolis, O'DONNELL advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., sources of his subcommittee recently advised Senator JOHN L. MC CLELLAN (Arkansas), Chairman of the Subcommittee, had been marked for assassination by the Blackstone Rangers should he appear at the forthcoming Democratic Convention in Chicago commencing on 8/26/68.

O'DONNELL said that Senator MC CLELLAN has no present plans to attend this convention. O'DONNELL advised he had notified Secret Service and the White House on 8/19/68 concerning the threat against the life of Senator MC CLELLAN.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/21/68

The Blackstone Rangers is a Chicago Negro youth gang. Mayor Daley's office has been advised. Information furnished to the Inter-Department Information Unit of the Department and the Attorney General.

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TO DIRECTOR

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, REVEREND NEWMAN L. POLK, PASTER, GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH, FIVE ONE TWO ONE SOUTH STATE, CHICAGO, ILL., WHO ALSO IS A PRIVATE CAB DRIVER, STATED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO HE PICKED UP THREE MALES WHO HE BELIEVED WERE MEMBERS OF THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, A CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE NEGRO YOUTH GANG, WHO INDICATED THEY HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CHICAGO COUNTY JAIL JULY SIX, LAST. THEY STATED MR. DALEY (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO MAYOR OF CHICAGO RICHARD J. DALEY) WAS GOING TO "GET IT". NEWMAN STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, COMMENTING THEY WERE JUST FARES.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS SA CARL V. MASON.

SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY, USA, CHICAGO PD, MAYOR

RICHARD J. DALEY'S OFFICE ADVISED.

CHICAGO INDICES CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA RE POLK.

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E. J. Kane
Schuyler

Remytel dated 8/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned matter.

A copy of this communication is being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source referred to in LHM is SA CARL V. MASON.

Chicago is following and Bureau will be advised of any pertinent data.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On August 20, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Newman L. Polk, Pastor, Greater Harvest Baptist Church, 5121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, who is also a private cab driver, related that approximately one month ago he had three male passengers whom he believed were members of the Blackstone Rangers, a South Side Negro youth gang. Reverend Polk, according to source, stated that these three Negro youths indicated they had been released from the Cook County Jail on July 6, 1968, and during their conversation stated that Mr. Daley (apparently referring to the Mayor of Chicago Richard J. Daley) ILL. was "going to get it." The source advised that Reverend Polk did not know the identity of these individuals, commenting that they were merely fares.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service,
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military
Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

Above information was furnished orally on receipt to the Chicago Police Department and to the Office of Mayor Richard J. Daley.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-2410)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM, dated 8/14/68; and Chicago teletype, dated 8/14/68, entitled "BLACKSTONE RANGERS".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

First source in attached LHM is Sergeant GARLAND DAVIS, Gang Intelligence, Chicago PD,

Second source utilized in LHM is EARL DOTY, CS-R in the Chicago Office, Head of Youth Action, who periodically talks with JEFF FORT. It should be noted that DOTY is to be on the Steering Committee of the Community Renewal Society mentioned in the attached LHM.

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Chicago will continue to follow Blackstone Rangers activity; and keep the Bureau advised of any plans which this organization may have in connection with the Democratic Convention.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-1148
157-2410

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Undersheriff Bernard Carey, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised on August 14, 1968, that Eugene Hairston, one of the top leaders of the Blackstone Rangers, a large Negro youth gang, active on Chicago's south side, was on this date, sentenced to three concurrent terms of five to fifteen years on charges of solicitation to commit murder. Undersheriff Carey advised that an appeal bond for Hairston was denied by the court and Hairston was transported to the Illinois State Penitentiary on this date.

A source which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area regarding youth gangs advised on August 15, 1968, that no information has come to their attention which indicates that the Blackstone Rangers plan any disturbances or violence, protesting the severe sentence that one of their leaders received on August 14, 1968 in Chicago. A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 14, 1968, and August 15, 1968, that there is no indication that the Blackstone Rangers will resort to violence or attempt to cause any trouble over the sentence received by Eugene Hairston.

This source also advised that a Community Renewal Society is being formed to work in the Kenwood-Oakland area on Chicago's south side, instant area considered to be a ghetto area. Source stated that this organization will supposedly receive approximately 3.6 million dollars from the

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Ford Foundation and other religious groups. Instant fund to help upgrade education, upgrade housing and recreational facilities in the area. Funds will also be used to start small businesses and bring the quality of goods used by merchants up to normal standards. Source also stated that the program, which will take three to five years to complete, will have two area youth directors, one of which will be David Barksdale, the other being Jeff Fort.

Jeff Fort, who will probably be the Number 1 leader of the Blackstone Rangers now that Hairston is in the Penitentiary, will be responsible for the area south of 43rd Street in the Kenwood-Oakland area in connection with this program. David Barksdale, leader of the Disciples, another large Negro youth gang on Chicago's south side, will be the director for the above program in the area north of 43rd Street. It should be noted that the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples signed a peace treaty several months ago in which they agreed to terminate the fighting between their respective gangs.

Both of the above sources advised that they have no concrete information (other than rumor) that the Blackstone Rangers plan to create disturbances which can lead to disruptive measures during the coming National Democratic Convention.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

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Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 8/12/68.

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The first source utilized is ~~INFORMANT~~

The second source utilized is Youth Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department. The third source utilized is EARL DOTY, a CS-R in the Chicago Office who talked with JEFF FORT on Monday night 8/12/68. When DOTY asked FORT if the Blackstone Rangers were planning any violence, disturbance or trouble for the Convention, FORT answered "hell no" I am in enough trouble already.

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AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will contact logical state agencies in an effort to ascertain if the Blackstone Rangers youth organization is incorporated and furnish all pertinent details to the Chicago Office.



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Chicago, Illinois
August 14, 1968

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RACIAL MATTERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated August 12, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers are using a poolroom located one block east of Stony Island Avenue as a new headquarters or hangout. Source stated that the Blackstone Rangers have an extreme hatred for the white businessmen in the area and he feels this will be the location of future riots in an effort to drive the whites from the neighborhood. Source was unable to identify any of the Blackstone Rangers who might be involved in planning any disturbance, nor did he have any idea when the trouble might start.

Source also advised that he had received information that the Blackstone Rangers have approached individuals in the criminal element on the south side and have attempted to extort money from them through threats. Some of these individuals threatened are in the policy racket.

A second source, who collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, furnished to the Chicago

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Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in late July, 1968, a letter sent out by the Blackstone Rangers to the merchants in the Woodlawn Area. This letter, four paragraphs in length, addressed to businessmen of the Woodlawn, South Shore, Englewood and Hyde Park area, was more or less a proposal which indicated that a better relationship should exist between the Blackstone Rangers and the community. This letter also stated that the members wanted to clear their name of the act of extortion and other blasphemous acts which have been done by others using their name. The letter also states that a committee made up of Blackstone Rangers should act as sort of a police patrol in the area mentioned above and will work with the police department in cases involving extortion and false representation. This letter did not ask for payment for service but any donations to this worthy cause would gladly be appreciated. Instant letter carries the following signature at the bottom:

"Blackstone Rangers
Youth Organization, Inc."

It should be noted that the Blackstone Rangers are a large Negro teenage gang on Chicago's south side who have been brought to the public eye in recent weeks through Senate investigations of OEO funds.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1968, that Jeff Forte has indicated that the Blackstone Rangers

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have no intentions of causing any disturbances or incidents during the National Convention. This third source also stated that at this time he has no information that other Negro youth gangs in the Chicago area are planning demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in late August, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I; 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-2410) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Re Chicago teletypes to the Director, dated 8/14/68, entitled "DEMCON".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM, suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM are being furnished the USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

LONNIE KING was interviewed by the Secret Service, with a Bureau agent observing. KING was given polygraph examination on 8/10/68 and 8/14/68, both by the Chicago PD. Polygraph evaluation made by Captain GEHR, Chicago PD polygraph expert. Chicago PD source is ROBERT SANFORD, Administrative Assistant to Commander GRIFFIN, 3rd Police District.

- ④ - Bureau (Encl 12)
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- (1 - 175-NEW)
- (1 - 157-3241) (LONNIE KING)

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KING is a member of the Double Six King Cobra youth gang which is one of the gangs alleged to have formed coalition with Blackstone Rangers. KING presently confined Cook County Jail, charged with murder. Chicago indices contain no pertinent information. KING's Federal Bureau of Investigation Number is 564 640 F.



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Lonnie King was interviewed on August 13, 1968, and reiterated statements as set forth in referenced memorandum regarding statements allegedly made by Jeff Fort, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, on August 1, 1968, to the effect that they should try to shoot Vice President Humphrey and Senator Eugene McCarthy, while other gang members attacked certain police districts with guns and hand grenades. King listed the following police districts as those to be hit:

7th District - 6120 South Racine Avenue
3rd District - 834 East 75th Street
6th District - 819 West 85th Street
2nd District - 4802 South Wabash Avenue
Area 3 - 3900 South California
Area 1 - 756 East 56th Place

Previous information received that the rifle recovered by the police at the home of a gang member was one of those displayed by Fort during gang meeting of August 1, 1968. King advised that this information was incorrect and that this rifle is not associated with those shown by Fort.

King was given two polygraph tests by the Chicago Police Department, both of which were inconclusive per an evaluation made this date.

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According to a Police Department source, the Blackstone Rangers did not hold a meeting on August 1, 1968, but did have one on August 3, 1968. Police sources who were present did not report the aforementioned statements attributed to Fort, nor did they report Fort's presence at the meeting. Attempts were being made to recontact these sources and to question them specifically on these points.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished the following agencies:

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Chicago, Illinois

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Evanston, Illinois

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FROM CHICAGO

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST, NINETEEN

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UNDERSHERIFF BERNARD CAREY, COOK COUNTY, ADVISED INSTANT
EUGENE HAIRSTON, ONE OF TOP LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS,
LARGE NEGRO YOUTH GANG ACTIVE IN CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, TODAY
WAS SENTENCED TO THREE CONCURRENT TERMS OF FIVE TO FIFTEEN
YEARS ON CHARGES OF SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER. APPEAL
BOND FOR HAIRSTON DENIED BY COURT AND HAIRSTON TRANSPORTED TO
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY THIS DATE.

BLACKSTONE RANGERS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS
ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE PRINCIPALLY RELATING
TO RIVAL YOUTH GANGS IN THAT AREA.

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CHICAGO SOURCES, CONTACTED THIS DATE, RELATIVE TO THIS
MATTER, ADVISED HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OF ANY PLANNED
VIOLENT RE-ACTION TO SENTENCING OF HAIRSTON.

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MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE AND USA ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING,
AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ONLY IF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS
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WILLIAMS advised that the Blackstone Rangers received a shipment of weapons on 7/29/68 at night, at which time he acted as a lookout. He stated that these weapons were allegedly delivered in a truck belonging to the Fairfax Clothing Company, and were unloaded in the rear of his residence, 6733 Stony Island.

Chicago indices reflect several references indicating MC CHRISTIAN and BEY are members of the Blackstone Rangers. Chicago indices negative re KING.

The following is a description of WILLIAMS obtained through observation during interview:

Name	JAMES WILLIAMS
Sex	Male (admitted homosexual)
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	9/24/24
Place of Birth	Rossville, Tennessee
Height	5' 10"
Weight	178 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Peculiarities	Amputated first joint, left index finger
Social Security Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">JFK Act 6 (3)</div>
Military Service	None

The Chicago Office is continuing contacts with WILLIAMS to further develop this information, evaluate same, and also to ascertain his informant potential.

WILLIAMS stated, when interviewed on 8/1/68, that he enjoys the close confidence of HAIRSTON and FORT, as well as other members of the Rangers, is able to attend meetings of this group, and is able to learn what transpires in the meetings he does not attend. WILLIAMS also claims that he is in need of money and would be willing to attend Ranger meetings and furnish information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a confidential basis for financial consideration and because of his desire to prevent destruction in the black neighborhoods during the upcoming National Democratic Convention.

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Other sources in the Chicago Division acquainted with the Blackstone Rangers' activities are being directed to ascertain if the Rangers plan any violence during the coming Democratic Convention.

Chicago attempting to determine if Black Hand Society mentioned in attached LHM is identical to Malcom X Black Hand Society.

Chicago Office will attempt to interview LONNIE KING in effort to obtain additional information regarding Blackstone Rangers' plans for coming Democratic Convention.



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Chicago, Illinois
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A source, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, but who claims to be in a position and acquainted with activities of the Blackstone Rangers, advised during recent contacts as follows:

He has attended meetings in the past few weeks, these meetings being conducted by Eugene Hairston, and Jeff Fort, top leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. These meetings being called for the purpose of formulating plans to start a riot in, as yet undetermined, Negro neighborhoods during the coming Democratic Convention. According to source, the "Blackstone Rangers are mad at Mayor Daley" and are peeved at the recent Senate hearings which resulted in their (Blackstone Rangers) being cut off from Government funds. (It should be noted that most of the "Main 21" leaders of the Blackstone Rangers were on the payroll of The Woodlawn Organization (TWO), which was funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), such operations recently investigated by the McClellan Committee. TWO is an organization set up in the Woodlawn area on Chicago's south side to improve living conditions in the community.

Source stated that since the termination of TWO's program, the Blackstone Rangers' only source of income comes from the sale of narcotics. Along this line, source advised that the Rangers do not use heroin, but are known to smoke marijuana. According to the source, if the Rangers are instrumental in starting a riot,

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it is planned to get sufficient publicity with which to gain recognition. Source stated that at a meeting held in late July, 1968, an individual by the name of Joe (last name unknown), who supposedly represented an unknown "Black Power Group", called upon the Rangers for their assistance in disrupting Chicago during the forthcoming convention. Source advised that at a meeting also held late in July, members of the Rangers stated that the "Black Hand Society" was providing funds and manpower to assist the Rangers in demonstrating their displeasure with the United States Senate for cutting off the TWO's funds by "tearing up" Chicago during the convention.

Source also advised that Blackstone Rangers supposedly received a shipment of weapons sometime in the latter part of July, 1968.

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Source advised that some members of the Rangers are leaning toward "Black Power" groups and that Andrew R. McChristian and Edward Bey are next in line to take over leadership of the Blackstone Rangers if Jeff Fort and Eugene Hairston, both now out on bond, go to jail.

According to source, the Blackstone Rangers appear to be falling apart as a club or group, and certain members are leaning toward "Black Power". Source also advised that Jeff Fort is almost completely inactive at the present time and Hairston is preoccupied with his possible jail sentence on a charge in state court for solicitation for murder.

A second source, who collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on August 10, 1968, that Lonnie King, male Negro, age 18 years, being held in custody for murder, made available information which reflects that a coalition of south side gangs is taking effect, one of which is the Blackstone Rangers. This source advised that King advised that these gangs have drawn up plans for disruptive tactics during the Democratic Convention. According to this source, King stated that on August 1, 1968, the gangs met at a church, located on the south side, at which time Jeff Fort, one of the Blackstone Rangers' leaders, displayed numerous rifles, revolvers and hand grenades, which he intends to use to attack various police districts on the first day of the convention.

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According to the Police Department source, King took police to the home of another youth where a rifle, described by the police as a Springfield 30.06, was confiscated. This rifle, according to King, was one of the guns Fort had in his possession.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he has no information at this time that the Blackstone Rangers have any plans to create disturbances at the coming Democratic Convention.

This source also advised that McChristian and Bey mentioned above are part of the "Main 21" of the Blackstone Rangers.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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OO: Chicago

Re Chicago teletype, dated 7/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), dated and entitled as above.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been disseminated locally to the USA, NDI, Chicago, Illinois; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The source referred to in enclosed LHM is ~~INFORMANT~~

Chicago sources remain assigned and the Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments.

Information furnished by the above source was furnished to the Chicago Police Department on 7/27/68.

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Chicago, Illinois

July 29, 1968

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source of the Chicago Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised July 27, 1968, that an unknown number of the Blackstone Rangers, a prominent Negro youth gang operating on Chicago's South side, purchased approximately five pounds of gun powder from Chuck's Gun Shop, 1431 South Indiana Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois, a suburb on Chicago's south side. Source stated the purchase of this gun powder was not unusual due to many persons making their own reloads.

Source further advised the Blackstone Rangers and a rival Negro youth gang, the Disciples, who also operate on Chicago's South side, plan to assemble between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, July 27, 1968, on the midway plaisance, for a "show of strength." The midway plaisance is a broad avenue on which a park approximately 125 yards wide serves as an island separating two-way traffic.

Sergeant Davis, Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised July 29, 1968, approximately 300 Negro youths representing the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples assembled at approximately 5:20 PM, July 27, 1968, at 59th Street, and Harper Avenue, Chicago. These youths departed in small groups at approximately 6:40 PM, July 27, 1968, without incident or arrests.

The above information has been disseminated to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago.

United States Secret Service, Chicago

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148) (P) 2P

BLACKSTONE RANGERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM. 00: CHICAGO

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT, UNKNOWN MEMBER OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, PROMINENT CHICAGO, NEGRO YOUTH GANG, PURCHASED QUANTITY, APPROXIMATELY FIVE POUNDS, GUNPOWDER FROM CHUCK'S GUN SHOP, ONE FOUR THREE ONE ZERO SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS, SUBURB ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE. PURCHASE OF GUNPOWDER NOT UNUSUAL DUE TO MANY PERSONS MAKING OWN RELOADS.

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SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND DISCIPLES, RIVAL NEGRO YOUTH GANG, PLAN TO ASSEMBLE BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR PM INSTANT ON MIDWAY PLAISANCE, LOCATED ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, AS "SHOW OF STRENGTH". NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED. GROUP EXPECTED TO NUMBER IN HUNDREDS. MIDWAY PLAISANCE IS BROAD AVENUE ON WHICH PARK APPROXIMATELY ONE TWENTY FIVE YARDS WIDE EXTENDS ALONG LENGTH OF STREET, SEPARATING TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

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CHICAGO SOURCE IS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{INFORMANT} (RELIABLE).

CHICAGO SOURCES ASSIGNED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. USA, SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-1629)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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JEFF FORT
RM

DATE: 7/23/68

Inasmuch as there is the possibility that the Senate Subcommittee could cite MARSHALL PATNER who represented JEFF FORT at recent hearings, the following information located in Chicago files is being furnished to the Bureau:

An article appearing in the "Roosevelt Torch," a local newspaper which is published at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 27, 1965, reflects a "free" school to open in Chicago. This school was to open September 29, 1965, at the Warren Avenue Congregational Church, 3101 West Warren Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with MARSHALL PATNER scheduled to speak on "Your Civil Liberties - Constitutional Rights of the Individual." Information located in Chicago File 100-21046 reflects that LAURA RAE ATKINSON was a member of New Era Club of the San Francisco CP during May of 1949. Instant file reflects that ATKINSON, also known as LAURA BLOUGH, was to be represented by MARSHALL PATNER during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings on May 27, 1965, in Chicago in connection with the Senate Committee's investigation of Dr. JEREMIAH STANLER, YOLANDA HALL, and MILTON COHEN.

A newspaper article appearing in the "Chicago American," a daily Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, dated July 10, 1968, reflects that PATNER told the "Chicago American" that he would continue to insist that he be allowed to cross-examine witnesses who have made allegations against JEFF FORT before advising the gang leader to testify. Instant article also reflects that PATNER began handling cases of Blackstone Rangers charged with criminal offenses while a volunteer legal worker for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club where he struck up a friendship with CHARLES LAPAGLIA, a youth counselor who has worked with the Blackstone Rangers. It should be noted that LAPAGLIA, an associate of Reverend JOHN FRY, testified at the Senate hearings also.

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According to the article, PATNER stated that he has handled about 30 cases in the past two years or so and has been paid on occasions.

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Instant article reflects that ~~PATNER~~, a 1957 graduate of the University of Chicago, is 37 years old and is associated with the law firm of Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock, McDugald and Parsons at 122 South Michigan Avenue.

Instant article also reflects that PATNER once served as the administrative assistant to Alderman LEON DESPRES, 5th Ward, claiming that FORT and the Rangers have generally had a good influence on the South Side neighborhood. According to PATNER, the above firm has been given funds by an unidentified source to handle court cases involving the Rangers.

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1 - Mr. E. M. Johnson

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To: SAC, Chicago (157-1258)

From: Director, FBI (157-6-9)

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RACIAL MATTERS

The youth gang problem in your area is acute. It is difficult to say whether youth gangs such as the Blackstone Rangers or the Disciples are interested in racial militancy or merely exploiting the racial situation for the impetus it gives their programs of extortion in the ghettos. The Bureau feels that this area of your work needs further in-depth probing to determine the youth gangs' involvement in racial matters.

Accordingly, if you have not already done so, you should open cases on youth gangs in your area such as those mentioned above as well as their leaders to resolve the extent that these gangs and their leaders may be involved in racial militancy. These investigations should receive your prompt attention and the results should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

- 1 - (157-6187) Blackstone Rangers
- 1 - Disciples

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NOTE:

We have received voluminous information concerning youth gang violence in the Chicago area but yet to determine whether or not their activity, which is essentially criminal, is actually connected with racial militancy. It is felt that additional probing into this area is necessary in an attempt to resolve this question.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Director dated 7/10/68, captioned as above; Philadelphia telcall to Chicago 7/10/68; and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 7/12/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished USA, Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

First source utilized in attached LHM is LEON WEST, a confidential source - racial in Chicago.

Second source utilized is EARL DOTY, a confidential source - racial in Chicago who is head of Youth Action which deals and works with youth gangs including the Blackstone Rangers in the Chicago area.

Chicago Police Department source is Gang Intelligence.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
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Chicago will continue to follow the activities on the part of the Blackstone Rangers and keep the Bureau advised.

Copies of the attached LHM are being furnished for information in view of leads set out in referenced Chicago teletype to the Bureau. ✓



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 15, 1968

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 12, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers will make a fund raising tour of certain large cities on the East Coast. Source stated it is possible that the Rangers' musical group will also make this visit in an effort to raise funds for the Blackstone Rangers.

A second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on July 12, 1968, that some members of the Blackstone Rangers are supposedly going to make a trip to the East Coast in an effort to raise funds for the Blackstone Rangers organization. This source also advised that probably the musical group known as "Opportunity Knocks" will be part of this fund raising group.

A third source, which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on July 12, 1968, that information has come to them which indicates that some of the Rangers' leaders will accompany the musical group mentioned above on a fund raising tour to the East Coast. This source also advised that the group will probably also visit Harlem located in New York City inasmuch as they made a similar fund raising trip in 1967 which included Harlem. This source also advised that rumor has it that Eugene (Bull) Hairston, recognized as leader of the Blackstone Rangers, would be unavailable Monday and Tuesday, July 15 and 16, 1968, which would indicate that he may accompany instant group on their fund raising tour. It should be noted that Hairston recently was convicted on a charge of solicitation to commit murder and is presently free on \$15,000 bond. It should be noted also that Hairston will be sentenced on July 18, 1968.

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All of the sources mentioned above advised there is no indication that the Blackstone Rangers will engage in any activities while on this fund raising tour which could cause violence.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois; United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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To: SACs Chicago (157-1253)
Springfield

From: Director, FBI

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, JUNE, 1968
RACIAL MATTERS

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Referenced Chicago teletype reports that the Director of the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department advised that Negro officers of this squad recently spent four days in vicinity of St. Anne, Illinois, in an effort to resolve an allegation that Blackstone Rangers or black militants were utilizing a farm in that area for the purpose of conducting para-military training. This investigation failed to substantiate any such activity but was scheduled to continue in Kankakee County, Illinois. According to this Chicago Police source, Sheriff Nelson of Kankakee County stated on 6/21 that Blackstone Rangers have weapons and dynamite stored in this county but refused to divulge the basis for this belief.

Springfield by referenced teletype dated 6/25/68 reported that according to Sheriff Elmer Nelson three Negro Chicago police officers contacted him on 6/18/68. These officers stated they had infiltrated the Blackstone Rangers and they learned that Blackstone Rangers had purchased firearms in the vicinity of St. Anne, Illinois, and had stored some weapons and ammunition in Kankakee County.

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Sheriff Nelson stated that he thereafter assigned a Negro deputy sheriff to work with the Chicago officers. This deputy sheriff did work with the Chicago officer on 6/18, 6/20, and 6/22, without substantiating any of the above information.

It should be further noted that ~~_____~~ ^{INFORMANT} advised that in early 4/68, Blackstone Rangers had taken part in firearms training on several occasions in Kankakee County.

Chicago should determine the nature of the information possessed by the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department which prompted the sending of three officers to Kankakee County. It should be noted that this investigation might have been predicated on information received from ~~_____~~ and thereafter disseminated.

^{INFORMANT}

Chicago, upon completion of the above inquiry, should submit pertinent details concerning the above material in a form suitable for dissemination. Careful consideration should be given to proper phraseology in order to fully protect the investigation being conducted by the Chicago Police and the Kankakee Sheriff's Office.

Springfield should continue to maintain liaison with Sheriff Nelson of Kankakee County and contact with ~~_____~~ ^{INFORMANT} The Bureau and Chicago should be kept promptly advised of developments by the Springfield Office.

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Date: 7/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-1258) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
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Remytel, 6/29/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM captioned as above.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to USA, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago indices negative re RICHARD WASHINGTON. Chicago indices reflect that LEON YOUNG, date of birth 10/20/48 of 6260 Stony Island is believed to be identical with individual arrested as set out in attached LHM, Arrested 10/11/66 by Chicago PD in connection with disturbance involving Negro youths and described as member Blackstone Rangers at that time. Chicago indices also reflect that WILLIAM B. WALLS, Negro male, date of birth 9/14/42, believed to be identical with individual arrested as set out in attached LHM. Address listed as 6262 South Stony Island was arrested by the Chicago PD 7/8/66 for street fighting.

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Source utilized in LHM is EARL DOTY a CS - R in the Chicago Office who is head of Youth Action.

Chicago continues to follow youth gang activity in the Chicago area and has an open case on the Blackstone Rangers and will continue to keep Bureau advised in both matters.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148
157-1258

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

Officer Pete Rivera, Third District, Chicago Police Department, advised on June 29, 1968, that on the evening of June 28, 1968 three Negro males were arrested with unregistered weapons and charged with unlawful use of weapons, possession of unregistered weapons, and a possibility that other charges may be placed later.

Officer Rivera advised that Leon Young, male Negro, age 19, a teacher for Youth Action; Richard "Peanuts" Washington, age 18, a singer in the Blackstone Rangers musical and William Walls, age 25, were arrested in connection with the above. Officer Rivera advised that all three use the address of 6262 Stony Island and were arrested at that address.

Officer Rivera further advised that the following weapons were recovered at the above address in the possession of the individuals mentioned above:

.22 caliber pump Remington model 572 with scope (no serial number).

.22 caliber Harrington and Richardson model 65 rifle serial number 9750.

.22 caliber Stevens model 87A rifle, no serial number listed.

Winchester model 71, lever action, 3.48 caliber serial number 35045.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

Twelve guage Winchester model 1897 shotgun
serial number 321497.

Rivera advised the Chicago Police Department has as yet not run any tests on the weapons nor able to locate any stolen report on them. Sergeant Rivera also advised that due to the tense area a thorough search of the address where the arrest took place was not conducted and no ammunition was recovered. He also advised that as a result of the arrest there were no problems and no incidents took place.

Youth Action, according to a reliable source, is an agency out of Mayor Daley's Office which works with and tries to settle issues between gangs in the Chicago area. This source also advised that the main group of the Blackstone Rangers remained in Chicago over the weekend and none of the Rangers known to him ventured to Washington during weekend of June 28-29, 1968. Source did state that Nick Dorenzo, a member of the East Side Disciples, a South Side youth Negro gang, was beaten up and shot at a few days ago because of a conflict between him and David Parksale, leader of the East side Disciples, was supposedly to go to Washington to testify and could because of this shooting throw additional light on some of the gang structures on Chicago's South Side. IW

Source also advised that Leon Young, Lemar Bell had advised on June 28, 1968 there was a possibility that they would take the musical show known as "Opportunity Knocks" to Washington over the weekend where they would put on a show before the senate in an effort to show the positive or good side of the Blackstone Rangers.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-27-68

On 3-29-68, fires occurred in major department stores in Chicago, Illinois. The attached pertains to information confidentially furnished our Chicago Office by the Chicago Police Department and includes information allegedly pertaining to above. The police informant has been discredited.

The Blackstone Rangers is a Negro youth gang in Chicago. The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church referred to in the attached and the Blackstone Rangers have been the center of recent testimony given before the McClellan Committee. Inasmuch as the attached was being furnished for our confidential information and guidance, no dissemination being made.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO

ARSON AT MAJOR LOOP DEPARTMENT STORES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH
TWENTY NINE LAST: BLACKSTONE RANGERS. OO:CHICAGO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST CHICAGO POLICE
 DEPARTMENT SOURCE ADVISED ^{Chicago Police Department} CGPD ON FOUR FOUR LAST, FOLLOWING.: IN
 EARLY FEBRUARY LAST HE ATTENDED MEETING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, **B**
 SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED SOUTH KIMBARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND FOUR
 LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. UNKNOWN MALE
 NEGRO COMMENCED MEETING WITH PLANS FOR STARTING FIRES IN CHICAGO
 DOWNTOWN AREA. TWO CHICAGO DEPARTMENT STORES WERE NAMED, AND
 BLACKSTONE LEADERS PRESENT STATED THEY WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
 FOR FIRES TO BE STARTED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ^{CG 13/57-157-2} STATED CGPD SOURCE
 FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION FIVE DAYS AFTER FIRES WERE DISCOVERED
 IN CHICAGO DEPARTMENT STORES AND CGPD DID NOT GIVE CREDENCE TO INFO **B**
 FURNISHED BY CGPD SOURCE RE THIS MATTER. **B**

CGPD SOURCE ALSO ADVISED CGPD ON FOUR FOUR LAST, AT MEETING
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UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO DISPLAYED "BLUEPRINTS" FOR THE STREETS AND AREA SURROUNDING AMPHITHEATRE AS WELL AS AMPHITHEATRE ITSELF. AMPHITHEATRE LOCATED CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE AND IS SITE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AUGUST NEXT. UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED KILLING A SENATOR MIGHT HELP KICK OFF A RIOT IN CHICAGO. SENATOR NOT NAMED, BUT REPORTED OPPOSED TO THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION (TWO) GRANT.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED CGPD WERE SUSPICIOUS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY PD SOURCE, ON FOUR FOUR LAST AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY CGPD DETERMINED PD SOURCE A "LIAR" AND NOT RELIABLE.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST, CGPD OFFICERS DOYLE AND HOUTSMA WHO INTERVIEWED CGPD SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE ON FOUR FOUR LAST, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAVE BEEN TESTIFYING BEFORE MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CGPD SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE ON FOUR FOUR LAST IS NOT BELIEVED BY CGPD BECAUSE INVESTIGATION DETERMINED PD SOURCE NOT RELIABLE.

CHICAGO NEWS MEDIA JUNE TWENTY-FIVE LAST CONTAINED ARTICLE INDICATING CGPD OFFICERS HAD ACCEPTED PAYMENTS FROM LEADERS OF

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTY-SIX LAST CGPD OFFICERS DOYLE AND HOUTSMA HAD CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO REPRESENTATIVE OF MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE THAT CGPD OFFICERS HAD ACCEPTED MONEY FROM JEFF FORT, BLACKSTONE LEADER, IN EFFORT TO MAKE BRIBERY CASE, BUT WHEN UNABLE TO MAKE BRIBERY CASE CGPD WERE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN CONFIDENCE OF RANGER LEADERS TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE. SECOND SOURCE STATED CGPD FELT DISCLOSURE BY MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST HAD "BLOWN" EFFORTS OF CGPD TO INFILTRATE BLACKSTONE RANGERS.

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FIRST SOURCE IS SGT. HUDICK, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO PD. SECOND SOURCE IS THOMAS LYONS, DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CGPD. CGPD SOURCE IS RALPH BRAUER, JR, EX CONVICT, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY CG PD OFFICERS AT COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON FOUR FOUR, LAST. LYONS ADVISED THEY DID NOT DISSEMINATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BRAUER WHEN RECEIVED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED RELIABLE, AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY CGPD DETERMINED BRAUER WAS A LIAR AND UNRELIABLE.

LYONS ADVISED NEITHER OFFICER DOYLE OR HOUTSMA WILL TESTIFY ABOUT ABOVE MATTERS DUE TO SOLID BELIEF BRAUER WAS LYING. LYONS ADVISED REPRESENTATIVES OF MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE HAS HAD FULL ACCESS TO CGPD RECORDS SINCE JANUARY LAST, AND MAY RELEASE INFORMATION

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RELATIVE TO ABOVE. LYONS FURTHER ADVISED WINSTON MOORE, WARDEN, COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, ILL. WHO IS AWARE OF INFO BRAUER FURNISHED CGPD, HAS BEEN TESTIFYING BEFORE MCCLELLAND COMMITTEE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, AND MAY RELEASE INFORMATION BY BRAUER. INFORMATION FROM LYONS AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CGPD MUST BE PROTECTED.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR INFORMATION. MCCLELLAND COMMITTEE OR MOORE MAY RELEASE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BRAUER, WHO CGPD CONSIDER TOTATLTY UNRELIABLE. BRAUER PRESENTLY INCARCERATED, PLACE UNKNOWN. NO DISSEMINATION BEING MADE OF ABOVE INASMUCH AS NOT BELIEVED OR BELIEVABLE BY CGPD.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE RALPH BRAUER, JR.

CHICAGO MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR LYONS.

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cc - RCOM 835 9&D

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE,
SIXTY-EIGHT, RM. 00: CHICAGO

RE CHICAGO TELTYPE TO BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD
JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ELMER NELSON (NA), SHERIFF, KANKAKEE COUNTY,
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT ON TUESDAY, JUNE ^{EIGHTEEN} ~~EIGHTEEN~~
LAST, THREE MALE NEGROES CONTACTED HIM AT THE KANKAKEE COUNTY
COURT HOUSE AND REQUESTED TO TALK TO HIM.

SHERIFF ADVISED THEY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS
OFFICERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO PD AND THAT
THEY HAD BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WITH THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND
HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT THE RANGERS REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN
PURCHASING FIREARMS IN THE VICINITY OF ST. ANNE, ILLINOIS,
AND FURTHER THAT THEY HAD LEARNED OF SOME WEAPONS AND
AMMUNITION BEING STORED IN KANKAKEE COUNTY.

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SHERIFF NELSON STATED THAT ONE OF THE THE OFFICERS WHOSE NAME HE RECALLS AS NEVELS MADE THE STATEMENT THAT REV. FRY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS "QUEER".

SHERIFF NELSON STATED THAT HE INFORMED THESE OFFICERS THAT HE HAS A COLORED DEPUTY ASSIGNED TO THE EAST SIDE OF KANKAKEE COUNTY AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THE NEGRO ELEMENT IN THAT AREA AND THAT HE WAS WILLING TO LET THIS DEPUTY WORK WITH THEM AT ANY TIME THEY DESIRED. HE STATED THAT SAME DATE THE THREE OFFICERS AND HIS DEPUTY WORKED IN THE RURAL ROUTE, ST. ANNE (HOPKINS PARK) AREA. SHERIFF ADVISED THAT THESE THREE OFFICERS THAT SAME DATE REQUESTED THAT THE DEPUTY MEET THEM ON SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST AT THE POST OFFICE IN ST. ANNE, ILLINOIS. ON JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST, THE DEPUTY MET WITH THESE OFFICERS AND WORKED WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THAT DATE.

SHERIFF ADVISED THAT THE THREE OFFICERS THEN RETURNED AGAIN ON JUNE TWENTYTHREE LAST AND WORKED WITH HIS DEPUTY IN THE SAME AREA.

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NOT OBTAINED.

ON SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH *INFORMANT*

HE HAS ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HAD ANY FURTHER
CONTACT OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AS
HAVING BEEN IN THE HOPKINS PARK AREA OF KANKAKEE COUNTY BUT
IS REMAINING ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE
INDIVIDUALS.

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MR. TRAINOR
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Date: 6/17/68

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SUBJECT: YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Mr. Johnson's check was advised of correct info 8/1/68

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SA LEROY D. FEDERLE ascertained from a member of the State Police, at Elgin, Illinois, on June 6, 1968, information which reflected that the Blackstone Rangers were using the Pleasant Valley Farm, located in Mc Henry County for military training. State Police source advised that he observed the Blackstone Rangers training at instant farm on May 15, 1968.

SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF, RA, Waukegan, Illinois, advised on June 7, 1968, that JAMES MASON, Director of the Pleasant Valley Farm advised on this date that instant farm is operated by the Community Renewal Society, located at 116 South Michigan and is primarily for the purpose and use for underprivileged children in the Chicago area. Mr. MASON advised SA GRAFF that many different organizations have used these installations and that no guns are permitted on the premises and that no one staying on the premises is allowed to drink intoxicating beverages.

Mr. MASON advised that JEFF FORT, contacted him approximately in the middle of April, requesting that the Blackstone Rangers be allowed to use the installations at the Pleasant Valley Farm for a couple of days in May. Mr. MASON stated that two dates were arranged and that FORT and approximately

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twenty to twenty-five other young Negroes appeared at instant farm on May 14, and departed on May 16, during which time they played basketball, fished, and helped build one of the buildings that is in the process of expanding the farm. Mr. MASON stated that Mr. FORT advised him that the Rangers belong to a youth ganaction group and more or less are sponsored by the YMCA. Mr. MASON also advised that these individuals acted in a normal way and in fact, thdr quarters were spick and span when they departed on the 16th.

According to Mr. MASON, JEFF FORT, inquired about returning to Pleasant Valley Farm in the fall at which time the Rangers would help finish the building being worked on.

EARL DOTY, a confidential source in the Chicago Office, advised on June 7, 1968, that the Rangers, to the best of his knowledge, were at the Pleasant Valley Farm located just outside of Woodstock, Illinois, during the middle of May for a couple of days, for relaxation. Mr. DOTY also advised that his organization, Youth Action, took JEFF FORT and more or less twenty-one of the Blackstone Rangers to Pleasant Valley Farm, Tuesday and Wednesday, ~~June~~ 4, and 5, 1968, in an effort to get them away from the city to a more pleasant atmosphere and to sit down and talk with them and discuss problems which face the Rangers and south side communittees and in an effort to stop the shooting and killing of inocent youths on Chicago's south side.

Mr. DOTY also advised that EUGENE HAIRSTON who had been convicted for solicitation for murder, is now out on bond and is to re-appear in court on the 18th of this month to be sentenced

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow activities on the part of the Blackstone Rangers and to ascertain if Blackstone Rangers visits to Pleasant Valley Farm are purely for relaxation.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P) (100-39032) (P)

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION (TWO), MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

MRS. AUDREY WHITE, ^{NEGR/ FEMALE} ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR EAST SIXTY-

FIFTH STREET CHICAGO, TELTPHONICALLY ADVISED CHICAGO FBI INSTANT

HER SON THOMAS WHITE, EIGHTEEN YRS., EMPLOYED BY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER, ^{OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY} (OEO), SIXTYFOURTH AND DANIE, CHICAGO, TOLD BY HIS BOSS

AT OEO, MR. CHANEY (PH), THAT HE, WHITE, AND FIFTEEN OTHER EMPLOYEES MUST GIVE FORTY DOLLARS EACH OUT OF THIER PAY CHECKS TO MEMBERS BLACK-

STONE RANGERS. ACCORDING TO WHITE CHANEY GAVE HIS AND CHECKS

OF OTHER FIFTEEN TO EDDIE ROGERS, A BLACK STONE RANGER, TO TAKE TO

NEIGHBORHOOD CURRENCY EXCHANGE TO CASH.

TWO LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO COMPOSED OF NUMEROUS RELIG-

IOUS, POLITICAL, AND CIVIC GROUPS ENGAGED IN ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE

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GENERAL WELFARE OF NEGRO YOUTHS IN AREA RECEIVED NINE HUNDRED SEVENTYTWO THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT FROM OEO, WASHINGTON D.C., SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO RECRUIT NEGRO YOUTHGANGS TO TEACH BASIC READING AND ARITHMETIC TO YOUNG NEGRO DROPOUTS AS AID TO THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REFS MY AIRTEL AND ^{Memo 4/18/68} LHM FOUR EIGHTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. MYTEL FOUR ^{4/28/68} TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, CAPTIONED YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, APRIL, ^{4/19/69} NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE WHITE AND MOTHER AND MR. CHANEY (PH). CHICAGO INDICES ^F REFLECT ONE EDDIE ROGERS EIGHT SEVEN THREE ZERO SOUTH HALSTED ARRESTED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AS MEMBER OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS FOR DISTURBANCE ON SOUTH SIDE.

SOURCES ASSIGNED TO IDENTIFY CHANEY (PH) ^{NETIC} DISSEMINATION BEING TEMPORIALY WITHHELD PENDING CORROBORATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

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To: SAC, Chicago (157-1148; 157-1258)

From: Director, FBI

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 3/20/68.

Because of the apparent wide dissemination and the inflammatory nature of the information in referenced airtel, submit the information in a letterhead memorandum in order that Government officials in Washington, D. C., will have the benefit of the information. There is a good possibility that this information will come to the attention of Government officials having responsibilities in connection with racial matters and that it will be distorted. Therefore, it is desirable that the information, which has been well documented as to its lack of credibility in referenced airtel, be disseminated promptly. Include in your letterhead memorandum the article from the 3/10/68 issue of the "Chicago Sunday Tribune."

CEG: bff

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NOTE:

George Rose, aged 23, an ex-convict and former third in command of the Blackstone Rangers, Negro youth gang in Chicago, Illinois, furnished the Chicago Police Department information alleging that communists offered grenades, rifles, and automatic weapons mounted on jeeps to the Blackstone Rangers in the event of a riot. He also alleged that black nationalist groups have

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given the gang weapons. Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago and the McClellan Committee are aware of this information. A Chicago newspaper published the information using Rose's name. The Chicago Police Department has not substantiated nor corroborated the major allegations by Rose and they characterize him as an unreliable "con man." Chicago has submitted a well documented airtel about this information in the event inquiries are received about it at the Bureau. Chicago is being instructed to prepare a letterhead memorandum together with the Chicago Police Department's evaluation of the information.

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
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APPROX.

On 3/13 and 18/68 Investigator ROBERT PIERSON and Detectives EDWARD SPELLAR and WILLIAM CORBETT, all of whom are assigned to the Office of the Cook County (Chicago) State's Attorney, were contacted for possible information in their possession regarding youth gangs in Chicago. These men conduct investigations in connection with prosecutions of youth gang members by that office for various violations of law. They furnished certain information and the results of a question and answer interview on 2/7/68 at the Algiers Motel, Chicago, Illinois, with GEORGE ROSE, aka "Watusi," N/M, age 23, who then resided at 6117 S. Kenwood St., Chicago. All of the officers participated in the interview which was recorded from notes taken by PIERSON. They requested their identities be protected. The following is a summary of the pertinent information furnished by ROSE, all of which was elicited from ROSE by means of specific questions.

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Until the middle of the Summer of 1967, ROSE was a member of the Blackstone Rangers, hereinafter called the Rangers, a Negro youth gang on the South Side of Chicago. At that time he held the position of "War Lord" which was the third highest in the chain of command. The two leaders who were above him were EUGENE HAIRSTON, aka "Bull", and JEFF FORT, aka "Angel." ROSE also supplied the names of eighteen other main members of the organization, which he said then had a membership of about 6,000. He said there are Rangers in Milwaukee, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Detroit, but they are independent organizations and there are no national dues involved.

ROSE stated money had been donated to the Rangers by "Youth Job, Urban League, Catholic School Board, and TWO." At one time he saw \$29,000 in "JEFF's mother's house," which money came from dues and protection money collected from businessmen. The money was used for bond money and guns which were purchased from people on the street and gun shops in the suburbs. He estimated they could muster about 200 guns if necessary.

ROSE said at one time they had about fifteen hand grenades, both smoke and fragmentation types, which GENE bought from a fellow named BOB. He had also seen about seven 30-30 carbines. The ultimate aim of the Rangers, he added, was "to have a city full of Blackstone Rangers. JEFF and BULL said they would cause a riot and then make demands," which demands would be jobs, playgrounds, and building renewal.

ROSE further stated that FORT, HAIRSTON, LA MAR BELL, BERNARD GREEN and EDDIE BEY, all Ranger members, have traveled to Philadelphia, Michigan, and California, but he did not know who they contacted except "KARENGA" in California." He said that in the past he has seen HAIRSTON or FORT meet with DICK GREGORY, KARENGA, and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

In connection with dope activities, he said at one time he had "a few hustlers" working for him and that one JIMMY LEE STRAUDER, a dope peddler, wanted the approval of HAIRSTON to allow his peddlers a free hand in the area, but he refused because of the crime syndicate. From conversation he heard from others, ROSE thinks some Rangers may have killed STRAUDER.

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With respect to weapons possibly hidden in the Ranger Headquarters at the First Presbyterian Church, 6400 South Kimbark Street, Chicago, he said he had seen a few hand grenades hidden in a piano in the Assistant Pastor's office and that a false ceiling in the balcony in the gym and a tunnel under the church had been used.

ROSE further stated that the Disciples, another Negro South Side youth gang, at one time stole some guns from a train car and kept them in a church at 74th Street and Maryland Ave., Chicago.

He stated that a riot in the downtown area of Chicago with looting and fires was discussed by the Rangers for 8/67. It was proposed that the Vice Lords, another youth gang, would come from the north, the Puerto Ricans from the west, and armed Rangers from the south and east. He said that during the discussion, Rev. JOHN FRY, W/M, Pastor of the church, "was there for his two cents and then would leave." ROSE said that he talked them out of it because he thought the Army would surround them and that would be the end of the Rangers.

In connection with possible activity at the 1968 Democratic Convention, ROSE said he had seen KARENGA and some people he was told were from Detroit talking with FORT and HAIRSTON, but he did not state the nature of their conversation. He said, "The Tigers of the Sun (black nationalists) are with DICK GREGORY." He added that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be in Chicago and would lead marches and would block all routes to the Amphitheatre. He did not think the Rangers had been committed to anyone but a lot of money had been offered to them for help this summer.

He further stated that when the Rangers made an agreement with the Chicago PD and Agents of the U.S. Treasury Dept. to surrender their guns, they turned in all rusty, non-operating guns and zip guns made for this purpose, but the working guns were kept. He said this was HAIRSTON's and FORT's idea and Rev. FRY agreed with them. He said Rev. FRY hid him in the church on one occasion to escape arrest when police raided the church and arrested others.

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ROSE stated he does not know what power, if any, directs Rev. FRY, and he knows of no direct connection between the Rangers and the black nationalists or the CP.

The aforementioned officers stated that they cannot vouch for the veracity of ROSE or the accuracy of his information. ROSE said that his life was in danger from the Rangers and they believe much of the information he furnished was supposition in that he was scared and gave answers to questions when he did not know the answers. ROSE was unable to give names or any details regarding persons who allegedly offered the Rangers money for help this summer and they think ROSE is guessing regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING's proposed summer activities as hereinbefore stated. ROSE was unable to state the purpose of HAIRSTON's meeting with KARENGA or others. The officers stated they have never heard of an organization called the Tigers of the Sun although they have been familiar with youth gang activities in Chicago for many years.

In connection with ROSE's statement regarding a theft of guns for the Disciples, they said that this rumor occurred about three years ago and the church at 74th and Maryland was searched by police and no guns were found. Furthermore, no theft of guns from a train car was ever verified. Concerning guns allegedly hidden in the Rangers Headquarters at the First Presbyterian Church, they stated that about two years ago it was common knowledge that some guns were there and the police raided the church and obtained about forty guns. At that time, Rev. FRY said he was keeping the guns to prevent the Rangers from using them and charged police harassment.

In any event, they stated, ROSE has been out of the Rangers since 8/67 and is in no position to furnish accurate, current information. ROSE has fled Chicago and they do not know his present whereabouts. At the present time HAIRSTON and FORT are incarcerated awaiting trial on a murder charge and ROSE said he was ordered killed to keep him from trying to take over command of the Rangers in their absence. They added that Rev. FRY has no control over the Rangers especially since CHARLES EDWARD BEY took over as their leader.

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They stated they learned from another source that the attorney's fees for HAIRSTON and FORT are being paid by the Kettering Foundation.

It was their opinion that the Rangers and other youth gangs in Chicago will not riot this summer if they continue to receive money from the Poverty Program through TWO.

TWO, mentioned herein, is The Woodlawn Organization, a Chicago South Side neighborhood rehabilitation organization.

KARENGA is a well known militant black nationalist from Calif.

The Three Star Edition of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago daily newspaper, dated 3/10/68, carried an article by WILLIAM JONES entitled, "Negro Gang Leader Tells Arms Offer." The article contains results of a taped interview with ROSE by Chicago Police and a copy of the article is attached hereto.

On 3/15/68 Lt. EDWARD BUCKNEY, Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago PD, stated that the information in the newspaper article regarding narcotics and the obtaining of guns in the suburbs is possibly true. He added, however, that the statements regarding mounted 105 millimeter guns is unbelievable. He stated that the police dept. is unable to state whether the statements about the communists are true or not but it should be kept in mind that ROSE is a former gang member and has been a dealer in narcotics and a possible user.

In connection with the tape of the interview with ROSE as described in the article, Lt. BUCKNEY said the tape has been given to the Office of Chicago Mayor RICHARD DALEY. He said the Chief Investigator of the McClellan Committee (Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations) was allowed to hear the tape but he does not know if he was given a copy. BUCKNEY stated he does not know who released the information to the "Chicago Tribune" but that it appeared only in one early edition and was then undoubtedly stopped because of its uncorroborated and inflammatory nature.

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On 3/19/68 Sgt. GARLAND DAVIS, Youth Division, Chicago PD, advised that the information in said newspaper article is, in his opinion, a figment of ROSE's imagination. He said ROSE, according to police information, had been marked for death by the gang and, therefore, he was looking for help and protection and gave information that he believed the police wanted to hear. DAVIS said there has been no information developed by police sources to substantiate ROSE's information. DAVIS is in the position of correlating all information developed by Chicago PD concerning all phases of youth gang activity.

With respect to the inability and disinclination of the Blackstone Rangers to partake in any city-wide or even area-wide disturbances in cooperation with other gangs or black nationalists, the Bureau's attention is directed to CGairtel and LHM 2/15/68 entitled, "BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM and YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE; RM." Said LHM states in part that reliable confidential sources of the Chicago Office and sources of the Chicago PD, all of whom are well acquainted with gang activities, stated the Blackstone Rangers are presently disorganized due to the incarceration of their top leaders on a variety of criminal charges and said sources have heard no information or indication that the Rangers or any other youth gang is attempting to organize other gangs for the purpose of violence.

Said sources stated that the chief gang concern is the protection of their own gang territory and as a result most gang violence has not been directed at the community, white or Negro, but has resulted over other gang incursions into their territory and recruitment attempts of other gangs. Specifically, the Blackstone Rangers are not known as black nationalists in outlook although some individual members do listen to black nationalist talk and may be susceptible to their literature.

Furthermore, the Blackstone Rangers have an Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) funded program of dropout education currently in progress through TWO and are not likely to jeopardize this grant totalling nearly a million dollars. The best estimate of their membership from sources is that some 1,500 youths owe allegiance of one degree or another to the Rangers.

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Additionally, there is no information available or developed by sources of the Chicago Office which would tend in any way to substantiate or corroborate the major allegations made by ROSE in his statements to police. Specifically, this is in reference to the alleged riot in Chicago's Loop in 8/67, or the information reflecting that people with "funny sounding names.....from Russia", had offered the Rangers jeeps with 105 (millimeter) cannons mounted thereon.

As Sergeant DAVIS, above, has stated in a discussion and analysis of the information provided by ROSE, his background character and past record must be taken into account. He is a long-time youth gang member, does not operate on a commonly accepted level of truth, and as with most gang leaders, has developed the ability to "con" to a fine degree.

The Chicago Police Department has frequently received the allegation concerning handgrenades, as an example, and have established to their satisfaction that there are not, and have not been such explosives in the Rangers' possession. The closest the Chicago Police have come to such was a dummy grenade, in the raid on the First Presbyterian Church, in 1966.

In connection with ROSE, it should be noted he is reportedly out of Chicago at present, in hiding, with his whereabouts unknown to the Police Department. The tape recording of the interview with ROSE is currently in possession of the office of Mayor DALEY. Chicago feels that until such time as this tape is again in possession of the Police Department, no effort should be made to obtain it. Likewise, no interview with ROSE is at this point feasible or deemed desirable by Chicago. Chicago will, however, aggressively pursue this matter with the Police Department, and with sources of this office who are knowledgeable in such matters. Any subsequent pertinent information developed will be provided the Bureau.

Chicago is not making any local dissemination of the above information, due to its nature and that of the source, both of which in themselves tend to reflect so adversely on its credibility.

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This information has been set forth for the Bureau in some detail since there could conceivably be inquiries concerning this matter, noting that the office of Mayor DALEY, who is close to the White House and the McClellan Committee, are aware of its existence.

Negro Gang Leader Tells Arms Offer

BY WILLIAM JONES

White men identifying themselves as Communists have offered a south side Negro gang hand grenades and automatic rifles in the event of a riot, a gang leader marked for death by his comrades has told intelligence unit detectives.

The standing offer includes automatic weapons mounted on jeeps that could be transported to any riot area in the city in semi-trailers, according to the gang leader. The offer was rejected during disturbances two years ago, but only because gang leaders do not trust whites, according to the gang leader.

Now Has Arsenal

The gang since has obtained several cases of weapons from black nationalist groups, according to the leader, and now has hand grenades, automatic rifles, and sniper scopes in its arsenal.

The statements are contained in six hours of tape recordings obtained by authorities from George [Watusi] Rose, 32, an ex-convict who until several weeks ago held the No. 3 position in the Blackstone Rangers.

Misses Dope Shipment

Rose sought protection after an order from other gang leaders that he be killed for failing to make a connection on a marijuana shipment that was recovered by police in January. The mixup apparently occurred when an out-of-town courier panicked and left nearly 600 pounds of processed marijuana in the trunk of an auto in the alley behind 422 E. 67th st.

Rose said the gang's principal source of weapons has been burglaries. He said gang members also travel to suburban areas, and out-of-state communities to purchase guns. During June, 1966, gang leaders received offers of weapons from a third source, Rose said.

Claims Communist Offer

"They came from the Communist party," Rose said. "When I say Communist party, I mean the black nationalists. See, the white guys from the Communist party came around first. They offered us money and guns and we backed off from it.

"I knew what would have happened in the end if we had gotten involved with them. The day all the riots and everything started you were more trustworthy of a black brother than you were of a Caucasian.

"I remember they had funny sounding names. This one particular guy was from Russia. He was a young guy and his name started with U. I had his telephone number and address and everything.

Money, Armed Jeeps

"They offered us automatic weapons at first and hand grenades and money. After we turned them down, they told us

that if we wanted it, they could go as far as to put jeeps with 105 [millimeter] cannons on them in semi-trailer trucks and drive to any riot area in the city."

Copies of the tapes were obtained by THE TRIBUNE several days after Rose was interviewed in the city where he and his family have been moved.

Lt. Edward Ruckney of the gang intelligence unit of the Chicago police department said his office is evaluating the information on the tapes and refused to comment further.

Senate Gets Tape

Mayor Daley is expected to listen to the tapes this week. It also was learned that investigators from the Senate's permanent subcommittee on investigations have received a copy of the tape. Sen. John L. McClellan [D., Ark.] is chairman of the subcommittee. Rose said that during the riots in Detroit last summer,

"black nationalists came around and wanted to start it here." He said the same groups also have plans to disrupt the city during the Democratic convention in August.

"The black nationalists will start it," said Rose. "What they're trying to do is get all these different groups from civil rights organizations and get them around the convention center at about the same time.

Only Need a Spark

"Then it won't take but one little spark to start the whole thing off. If you get enough people around there and you have enough scattered incidents, the whole thing will blow up."

Essentially, the Ranger leaders consider the organization as being in the early stages of a "black syndicate" rather than supporting black nationalist causes, according to Rose. In developing this concept, Rose said the gang has a weapons distribution program to guarantee that no Ranger splinter group has too many guns at one time.

"Every few months, all the guns are called back in and reissued," said Rose.

Gang War Uses

He said that gang wars are the main reason for gun distribution but weapons also were issued at the order of gang leaders to kill a particular person.

"Then there would be guns issued to guys right in his

neighborhood," said Rose. "They were supposed to look for him. There weren't that many planned murders, but most of the club members have shot someone at one time or another. It wasn't a regular part of the initiation but if you were scared to do it, you were in trouble."

Rose said he never plans to return to Chicago.

"You take an oath when you join the Rangers," he said. "It goes like this:

"Wherever you are, wherever you go for the rest of your life, your life belongs to the Rangers. And if you every try to quit, you will be killed! And you will kill anyone, even your mother or sister, if they try to harm or interfere with the Ranger structure."

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
BLACKSTONE RANGERS, NEGRO
YOUTH GANG, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Reference is made to memorandum from S. B. Donahoe to Mr. C. D. DeLoach dated February 13, 1968, captioned "Blackstone Rangers, Racial Matters," advising of a request from Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House for information concerning the validity of an allegation that the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang in Chicago, Illinois, had worked out agreements with other gangs to "bring havoc" to Chicago.

An inquiry by the Chicago Office failed to develop any information to substantiate the allegation. In fact, the Bureau sources in Chicago thought it highly unlikely that these undisciplined youths would consent to influence or direction from another gang.

The Chicago Police Department was also consulted during the inquiry and stated categorically that they have developed no information indicating that the Blackstone Rangers, or any other youth gang, are attempting to cooperate through "interlocking directorates" to "bring havoc" to Chicago. All these sources consider such gang activity highly unlikely and feel that such cooperation runs counter to traditional gang activities and intergang hostility.

A review of Bureau files concerning the Blackstone Rangers revealed no information to substantiate the allegation.

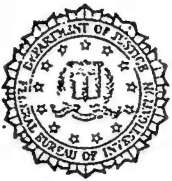
RECOMMENDATION:

That a copy of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House by attached cover letter and that copies be forwarded by routing slips to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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TO : MR. DeLOACH *D*

FROM : STERLING B. DONAHOE *h*

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
 RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: February 13, 1968

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J. Edgar Hoover

Mrs. Mildred Stegall called from the White House at 3:30 p.m. today.

She advised the White House is in receipt of information that the Blackstone Rangers, a Chicago juvenile gang, has worked out agreements with other gangs in the area. According to the data received, each gang has staked out a particular area of Chicago in what is described as "interlocking directorates" in which the gangs plan to bring havoc on the City of Chicago. The source of the information did not indicate whether a timetable had been set but Mrs. Stegall indicated the report causes concern.

ACTION:

The Domestic Intelligence Division will review Bureau files and institute immediate inquiries with the Chicago Office to determine the validity of the allegation. Mrs. Stegall said an early response would be appreciated.

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Re: Airtel and LHM to Bureau 11/7/73, under first caption above.

Referenced LHM reported informant information that among important developments at the recent Republic of New Africa (RNA) sponsored Peoples' Center Council (PCC) held at Chicago, Illinois, 10/26-29/73, was the pronouncement that the Blackstone Rangers and RNA are working on an alliance which would enable the Blackstone Rangers to send any of their members who become fugitives from justice to the RNA's "land" to avoid apprehension. Bureau notes that the Blackstone Rangers are part of a violence-prone criminally-oriented black Chicago youth gang, which is part of a gang conglomerate called the Black P-Stone Nation (BPSN).

Among attendees at the PCC was Sylvester Reese, aka "Moon," Spiritual Minister and member of the "Main 21" which is the governing body of the BPSN.

1 - Detroit

1 - 157-28610 (Sylvester Reese)

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Airtel to Chicago
Re: Republic of New Africa
157-9079

Black P-Stone Nation

Chicago should promptly contact logical sources in an effort to ascertain any RNA influence on the Blackstone Rangers and/or the BPSN. Resolve if any mutual support agreements or alliances have been established between the RNA and these two groups. Also determine if any medium actually exists for the RNA to assist fugitives who are Blackstone Ranger members in avoiding apprehension. Any pertinent information developed should be promptly forwarded to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination, along with recommendation for any additional investigation to be conducted.

Chicago has previously advised that Reese joined the RNA to lend physical support to Clarence Harvey, who, until recently, has been the Consul of the Chicago chapter of the RNA. Since Harvey has quit the RNA, Chicago should also fully resolve Reese's status with the RNA and possible motives of his continued RNA association.

Extra copy being forwarded to Chicago for Chicago file 157-5964, regarding Sylvester Reese.

Information copy forwarded to Detroit as office of origin regarding the RNA.

NOTE:

Reese and Harvey are Chicago ADEX subjects due to their past activity with the RNA. No positive information has been developed that the RNA actually possesses any land yet. The "Main 21" is a group of 21 black youths who govern the BPSN. Membership in the "Main 21" periodically changes.

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1 - Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, Rm 618
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1 - Mr. Brown URGENT

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TO LEGAT, BONN (157-189)

8/8/73

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

REC-63

157-9522-44

BLACK P-STONE NATION, RM.

REURCAB AUGUST SIX, LAST. CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION IS KNOWN TO THE FILES OF THIS BUREAU AS AN EXTREMIST GROUP OF YOUNG NEGROES PREDOMINATELY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS BLACKSTONE RANGERS WHICH CAME TO OUR ATTENTION IN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. YOUTHS ARE PREDOMINATELY HOODLUM-TYPE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WITH LITTLE INTEREST IN POLITICAL GOALS. CURRENTLY ARE NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THIS BUREAU. INDICATIONS OF SIMILAR GROUPS BEING FORMULATED IN MAJOR CITIES IN THE CHICAGO AREA; HOWEVER, NO INDICATION THEY ARE CONTROLLED FROM CHICAGO. REPORTEDLY OBTAIN FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS POVERTY ORIENTED AND USE FUNDS TO PURCHASE GUNS, DOPE, AND OTHER NEEDS. REGION ONE, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED COPIES FBI MEMORANDA. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOW SEPARATELY. (157-9522)

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 acc: T. Fitzpatrick
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306PM URGENT 8-16-72 EOM

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

INDIANAPOLIS

SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO 1P

A. H. [unclear]

BLACK P-STONE NATION; POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BOMB FEDERAL BUILDING, NDI, HAMMOND, INDIANA. EID - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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RE IP TEL AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST.

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BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AGENT KENNETH LABIK CONTACTED. HE ADVISED SOURCE WHO PROVIDED INFO RE CAPTIONED BOMBING IS SOURCE WITH WHOM INSUFFICIENT CONTACT HAS BEEN HAD TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY. LABIK ADVISED GROUP FROM EAST ST. LOUIS ALLEGEDLY PLANNING BOMBING IS GROUP KNOWN AS

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BLACK EGYPTIAN COBRAS.

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CONTACT WITH SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IN CHICAGO AREA PRODUCED NO INFO RE CAPTIONED BOMBING. CHICAGO PD GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT WHO ACTIVELY INVESTIGATES BLACK P-STONE NATION ADVISED THEY HAVE NO INFO RE CAPTIONED PLOT.

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10:48 AM URGENT 8-16-72 GWM

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (ATTENTION: DID)
CHICAGO
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (157-) (2 P)

BLACK P-STONE NATION; POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BOMB
FEDERAL BUILDING, NDE, HAMMOND, INDIANA, EID -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CONTACT WITH BLACK EXTREMIST SOURCES IN THE EAST
ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AREA CONCERNING A PLAN BY CAPTIONED
ORGANIZATION TO BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT HAMMOND,
INDIANA, AND AT THE SAME TIME ASSASSINATE TWO FEDERAL
AGENTS BY BOMBING THEIR VEHICLES MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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INTERESTED AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

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RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIFTEEN,

LAST.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS

THERE ARE NO BLACK P-STONE NATION FACTIONS KNOWN TO BE IN
THE EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AREA. THE BLACK P-STONE RANGERS

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ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE IN EXISTENCE IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

THE ONLY ACTIVE BLACK EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS IN .
EXISTENCE AT EAST ST. LOUIS ARE THE BLACK EGYPTIANS, A
BLACK EXTREMIST YOUTH GANG; THE UNITED FRONT, AN ORGANIZATION
OF CLERGY AND LAYMEN WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BLACK
EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST; AND THE EAST ST. LOUIS
CHAPTER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

SOURCE MENTIONED IN THIS TELETYPE ARE SI ONE NINE
TWO ONE - E, SI TWO THREE NINE SEVEN - E, SI ONE SEVEN THREE
FIVE - E, SI ONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN - E, AND SI ONE EIGHT
EIGHT EIGHT - E, THESE SOURCES REMAIN ASSIGNED FORNY
INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. BUREAU AND
INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT
INFORMATION DEVELOPED. P.

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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
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938PM NITEL 4/19/71 B C K

TO DIRECTOR

---ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION---

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

BLACK P STONE NATION DEMONSTRATION, FEDERAL BUILDING
APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. RM.

THE BLACK P STONE NATION IS AN AMALGAMATION OF THE BLACK
STONE RANGERS AND OTHER CG SOUTH SIDE NEGRO STREET GANGS.
AT TWO PM CST APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT, JEFF FORT, LEADER OF
THE BLACK P STONE NATION AND EIGHT OTHER MEMBERS WERE AFFORDED
HEARINGS BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE WILLS, CHICAGO, ILL.

IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL FRAUD INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY THE
FGJ, CHICAGO, ILL. ON APRIL SIX LAST. AT ABOUT ONE PM CST, MEMBERS
OR SYMPATHIZERS OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION BEGAN ARRIVING IN
THE VICINITY OF THE DIRKSEN FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILL. BY TWO
PM CST APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE HAD ASSEMBLED IN
LOOSE GROUPS OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY
SEVENTY OF THEM WERE ADMITTED AS SPECTATORS INTO THE COURT
ROOM OF FDJ WILLS AND THE OTHERS REMAINED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL
BUILDING. OF THE APPROXIMATE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PEOPLE
THERE WERE ABOUT THREE WHITE FEMALES IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES.

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THE REMAINING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO WERE ALL NEGROES RANGING IN AGES FROM ABOUT TEN TO THE MIDDLE THIRTIES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN WERE NEGRO FEMALES, LATE TEENS, EARLY TWENTIES. THE MAJORITY WAS COMPRISED OF NEGRO MALES RANGING IN AGE FROM MIDDLE TEENS TO EARLY TWENTIES. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF THESE PERSONS WERE WEARING "FREE JEFF FORT" BUTTONS. NO SIGNS WERE CARRIED NOR WAS THERE ANY ORGANIZED MARCHING OR ACTIVITY. THOSE PERSONS NOT ADMITTED TO THE COURT ROOM GATHERED IN SMALL GROUPS OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUILDING AND ENGAGED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. AT ABOUT THREE FORTY FIVE PM CST JUDGE WILLS COURT RECESSED AND THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE COURT ROOM LEFT THE BUILDING AND BY FOUR PM CST ONLY A FEW STRAGGLERS REMAINED OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL BUILDING. THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES, ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. ON APRIL SIX, LAST, TWENTY THREE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION WERE INDICTED BY THE FGJ, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION,
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

THE NINE THAT WERE BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE WILLS ON APRIL
NINETEEN INSTANT, ARE INCARCERATED ON A VARIETY OF LOCAL
CHARGES IN COOK COUNTY. ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES NOTIFIED BY
FBI CHICAGO.

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cc Mr. Strawn

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520AM 12-3-70 MOB

TO DIRECTOR NITEL KATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV)
FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

Mr. Tolson	_____
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM

CG PD ADVISED INSTANT THAT TWO MEMBERS OF CG SOUTH SIDE NEGRO YOUTH GANG CALLED BLACKSTONE RANGERS ARRESTED TWELVE THIRTY AM INSTANT AND CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION. ARREST OCCURRED AS RESULT OF COMPLAIN MADE BY RESTAURANT OWNER ALVIN JANUARY, MALE NEGRO, WHO OPERATES COFFEECUP RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE ZERO ZERO SOUTH JEFFREY, CHICAGO.

JANUARY CLAIMED THREE NEGROE MALES CAME INTO HIS RESTAURANT AT TWELVE TEN AM INSTANT AND DEMANDED UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE USED AS DEFENSE FUND FOR JAILED BLACKSTONE RANGER MEMBERS. WHEN JANUARY REFUSED, THEIR SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY THREATENED HIM BY STATING: "WILL BE BACK TO SEE YOU". JANUARY REPORTED INCIDENT TO POLICE

WHO WERE IN AREA WHEN THEY RETURNED TO RESTAURANT TWENTY MINUTES LATER. TWO OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE REUBEN ROBERTSON, MALE NEGRO AGE TWENTY SEVEN, ONE THREE FOUR FIVE EAST MARGUETTE, CG AND ARTHUR F.

JONES, MALE NEGRO, AGE TWENTY TWO, SIX THREE ZERO EIGHT SOUTH HARPS CG. THE THIRD MEMBER, WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN, WAS NOT APPREHENDED.

ARRESTEES CHARGED WITH INTIMIDATION. COURT APPEARANCE SCHEDULED INSTANT. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING ARREST.

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AREA PREDOMINANTLY BLACK. CG INDICES NEGATIVE BASED ON AVAILABLE
INFO. CGPD OFFICER IS WILLIAM MURPHY, THIRD DISTRICT.

NO LHM FOLLOWS.

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8:23PM NITEL 11-19-70 DJS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-6170) 1P

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DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK-P-STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, SEVENTY, RM.

*G.C. Moore
Trotter*

HEARING FOR JEF FORT, LEADER OF THE BLACK-P-STONE NATION HELD
BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE ROBSON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TWO PM.,
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, NOVEMBER ONE NINE, INSTANT. ROBSON ORDER
FORT TO BE RETURNED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
ABOUT SIXTY MEMBERS OF THE BLACK-P-STONE NATION, OR FORT SYMPATHIZERS,
WERE IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DURING AND SHORTLY
AFTER THE HEARING. ABOUT THIRTY FIVE WERE PRESENT IN THE COURT ROOM
AND ANOTHER TWENTYFIVE IN THE CORRIDORS. THERE WERE SEVEN NEGRO
FEMALES IN THEIR LATE TEENS AND THE REMAINDER WERE NEGRO MALES IN
THEIR LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES. NO DISTURBANCES OCCURRED AND
THESE PERSONS WERE ALL OUT OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING BY TWO FORTY FIVE PM.,

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE

AGENCY: CRD, ~~FBI~~, ~~FED~~, ~~RIO~~, ~~GD~~,
ACSI, OSI, ~~SS~~

HOW FORM: R/S
DATE FORM: 11/20/70 100724
BY: (Signature)

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE AND NITEL DATED NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, LAST.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. NO FURTHER ACTION CHICAGO.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW) 1P

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DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK P-STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

THE HEARING FOR JEFF FORT SCHEDULED FOR TWO P. M. ELEVEN
EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TEN A.M. ELEVEN TWENTY, SEVENTY.
ABOUT FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE BLACK P-STONE NATION APPEARED
OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, AROUND ONE P.M.
ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, BUT LEFT IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING
THAT FORT'S HEARING HAD BEEN POSTPONED. ONE CLARENCE TORRY,
NEGRO MALE, AGE TWENTY TWO, AND A MEMBER OF THE MAIN TWENTY ONE,
THE RULING BODY OF THE BLACK P-STONE NATION, WAS ARRESTED OUTSIDE
OF FEDERAL BUILDING BY CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OUTSTANDING WARRANT
CONCERNING TEN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN
SEVENTY. CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW) 3P

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DEMONSTRATION BY BLACK P STONE NATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY. RM.

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CHICAGO PD ADVISED ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PERSONS, MEMBERS OF, OR SYMPATHIZERS WITH, THE BLACK P STONE NATION WILL DEMONSTRATE IN THE VICINITY OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AT ONE PM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT. DEMONSTRATION IS IN SYMPATHY WITH JEFF FORT, LEADER OF THE BLACK P STONE NATION, WHO IS IN CUSTODY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL (USM) CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FORT IS TO HAVE A HEARING AT TWO PM, NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT, BEFORE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE ROBSON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT FORT SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE ILLINOIS AUTHORITIES IN CHICAGO OR RETURNED TO THE NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES.

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FORT WANTS TO BE RETURNED TO THE CUSTODY OF AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK CITY, AND THEN GO THROUGH STATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS TO RETURN HIM FROM NEW YORK TO ILLINOIS.

ON NOVEMBER NINE LAST, FORT WAS BROUGHT FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO BY UNITED STATES MARSHALS UNDER A WRIT IN ORDER FOR HIM TO APPEAR BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY SITTING IN CHICAGO.

FORT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ARRESTED BY THE NEW YORK CITY PD FOR THE CHICAGO AUTHORITIES ON THE STRENGTH OF CHICAGO WARRANTS AND WAS AWAITING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS FROM NEW YORK TO ILLINOIS AT THE TIME THE FEDERAL WRIT WAS SERVED. THE BLACK P STONE NATION IS AN AMALGAMATION OF CHICAGO STREET GANGS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CHICAGO PD SOURCE IS PATROLMAN BUICK, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ADVISED OF ABOVE. GSA BUILDING MANAGER, CHICAGO; CHIEF JUDGE ROBSON; UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, USM, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MI GROUP AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

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LHM WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN ABSENCE OF INCIDENTS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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9 09 PM URGENT 10-29-70 AJN

TO DIRECTOR

ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
CHICAGO

FROM NEW YORK 157-2580

BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RACIAL MATTERS; OO- CHICAGO.

ON TEN TWENTY NINE SEVENTY, SERGEANT FRED O'REILLY
AND DETECTIVE HAROLD DUFFY, MEMBERS OF GENERAL
INTELLIGENCE SECTION, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO,
ILL. PD ADVISED THEY WITH DETECTIVES OF NINETEENTH PRECINCT,
NYCPD IN NYC HAD ARRESTED JEFF FORTE, FBI NUMBER FOUR SEVEN
FIVE THREE SIX SIX F; CHESTER EVANS, FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO FOUR FIVE E; PAM VALANZUELA AND JANET CONNORS AKA
"DOLL" AFTER THEY HAD PLACED SURVEILLANCE ON JANET CONNORS
WHEN THEY NOTICED HER BOARDING PLANE AT O'HARE FIELD,
CHICAGO, ILL. FORTE AND EVANS ARE MEMBERS OF BLACKSTONE
RANGERS, BLACK MILITANT GANG IN CHICAGO AND WANTED ON SEVERAL
CHARGES IN CHICAGO WHERE WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARRESTS ARE
OUTSTANDING.

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ON TEN TWENTY NINE SEVENTY, DETECTIVE EDWIN
COOPER, SSD, NYCPD, ADVISED THAT AT THREE AM, THIS
DATE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED IN ROOM NINE
THREE ONE, HOTEL CROYDON, TWELVE EAST EIGHTY SIXTH
STREET, NYC, BY DETECTIVES OF CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND ONE NINE PRECENCT, NYCPD, ON A CHARGE OF FOA

(FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES) WHICH MEANS WARRANTS ARE OUT-
STANDING IN OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS.

ARRESTED AT THE HOTEL CROYDON WERE ~~JEFF FORTE~~ MALE NEGRO, ^{B. APPROX 1-4-7}
AGE TWENTY SIX, FBI FOUR SEVEN FIVE THREE SIX SIX F OF ONE
FIVE ZERO FOUR EAST SIXTY SIX PLACE, CHICAGO, ONE NINE

PRECINCT, ARREST NUMBER ONE NINE NINE NINE; CHESTER ¹⁻⁴⁻⁷
EVANS, JR., MALE NEGRO, AGE TWENTY SIX, FBI THREE EIGHT

ZERO ZERO FOUR FIVE E, OF FOUR SEVEN THREE NINE

INGLESIDE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ONE NINE PRECINCT, ARREST

NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO; ^{JLL} ~~PAM MARSHALL~~ AKA ~~VALANZUELA~~, ^{P. 1117}

FEMALE NEGRO, AGE ONE NINE; OF SIX TWO ONE NINE CALUMET STREET ^{JLL}

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Don't know *Tracy K...*
OR SIX TWO ONE NINE KIMBARK STREET, CHICAGO, ONE NINE

PRECINCT ARREST NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO ONE; JANICE

* CONNERS, FEMALE NEGRO, AGE ONE NINE, OF ONE FOUR FOUR

THREE EAST MARQUETTE ROAD, CHICAGO, ONE NINE PRECINCT

ARREST NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO TWO. *Ill*

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DETECTIVE COOPER SAID ALL ARE HELD ON LOCAL
CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND WILL BE
ARRAIGNED THIS DATE IN MANHATTAN CRIMINAL COURT, NYC.
THE FOUR WILL BE HELD ON LOCAL CHARGES AWAITING WARRANTS
FROM CHICAGO.

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. C. A. Ferguson

SAC, Chicago

6/23/70

Director, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS
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Chicago: 157-1291

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RACIAL MATTERS
Bufile: 157-9522
Chicago file: 157-1148

ReCGlet/LHM 6/15/70 captioned "Black Panther Party;
Racial Matters - DPP."

RELIN indicates a renewed interest in alignment
between the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro criminal youth gang,
and the black extremist Black Panther Party, both extremely
violence prone.

Your office must follow this matter closely in
order to be aware of current developments as they occur.
Appropriate informants and sources must be given specific
assignments to develop current and timely information
regarding any contemplated alignment of these two organizations.

Keep the Chicago Police Department apprised of all
pertinent information developed concerning the above possible
alignment of captioned organizations, consistent with security
of informant.

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The Blackstone Rangers is the largest of the Negro
youth gangs in the Chicago area and operate on the South
side. Its membership is estimated at 2,000, with the majority
of its members being teenagers. The organization has
approximately 40 subdivisions operating as individual gangs.
There is an ever present danger should this large Negro
youth gang develop black nationalism and align themselves
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS, RM.

SERGEANT THOMAS WALLER, GANG INTELLIGENCE, CHICAGO PD ADVISED FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER WORKING IN UNDERCOVER CAPACITY THAT BLACKSTONE RANGERS PLANNED TO MURDER COOK COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY EDWARD V. HANRAHAN NIGHT OF FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY. NO DETAILS REGARDING METHOD OR TIME WERE DISCLOSED. PD AFFORDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO HANRAHAN. HANRAHAN, FORMER USA, CHICAGO, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ON FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SEVENTY PLANS TO VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTE BLACKSTONE RANGERS OFFENSIVE IN CONNECTION WITH RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

CHICAGO SOURCES HAVE REPORTED NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE PD INFO. SOURCES ALERTED AND CHICAGO FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of this LHM are being furnished to the USA and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago source is CG 6867-R.

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Chicago following captioned matter and Bureau will be kept apprised of pertinent developments.

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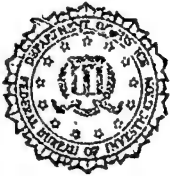
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April 21, 1970

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS, Also Known
As Black P. Stone Nation

Chicago source, reliable, on April 17, 1970, advised a meeting was held with representatives of Mayor Richard J. Daley's office and residents of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 4900 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago. This meeting was arranged in an attempt to apprise the Mayor's office concerning the activities of the youth gangs such as the Blackstone Rangers, Vice Lords, Conservative Vice Lords, and youth gang violence in Chicago in general, and to request the assistance of the Mayor's Office in curbing various gang terrorist activities on Chicago's South Side.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)

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SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR), aka
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(OO: Chicago)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

Copies of instant LHM are being furnished to the United States Attorney, U. S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Indices of the Chicago Division reveal former main files regarding EUGENE "BULL" HAIRSTON, Chicago file 157-2990 and CHARLES EDWARD BEY, Chicago file 157-1788. Indices negative concerning others mentioned herein.

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Chicago continues to follow activities and actions of Blackstone Rangers and the Bureau will be apprised of all pertinent developments.

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Chicago, Illinois

March 10, 1970

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR)

Sergeant James Zarno, Bureau of Inspectional Services (BIS), Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Chicago B. APPROX 10-4 Police Department (CPD), 1121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1970, advised Charles Edward Bey, age 25, 6246 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, number two Chieftan of the "Main 21", Blackstone Rangers (BR), a Negro youth gang operating on Chicago's south side, was being sought by CPD in connection with the alleged beating of another youth after a reported BR gang "trial." Zarno advised that Bey and seven others are being sought for attacking Daniel Rush, age 20, 6330 South Kenwood, Chicago, after Rush was "convicted" of rape on Sunday, March 8, 1970, during the above trial held in First Presbyterian Church, 6400 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, of which Reverend John R. Fry is Pastor. Zarno advised the seven charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery and conspiracy with Bey were David L. Hartsfield, 24, 6322 South Stony Island; APPROX 10-4 Tyrone King, 32, 6319 South Kenwood; Oscar Jackson, 24, 6319 South Kenwood; Walter Fortner, 18, 5322 South State Street and Joseph Hill, 20, 6262 South Stony Island, all Chicago. I// B. APPROX 10-4

Sergeant Zarno also advised Eugene "Bull" Hairston, former BR Chieftan sentenced August 14, 1968, to a five to fifteen year sentence in prison, was unanimously denied a plea for bond by the United States Supreme Court, while appealing his conviction for solicitation of murder. Zarno advised Hairston was accused of hiring fourteen or fifteen year old BR gang members to shoot three men on September 12, 1967, in Chicago, from which wounds Leo McClure, age 33, 4534 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, died. I//

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
 RM - NOI
 Bureau File 25-330971
 Chicago File 100-35635

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
 RM
 Bureau File 157-9522
 Chicago File 157-1143

Re report of SA JOSEPH R. SHEA dated 6/20/69 at Chicago, pages 44-48.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM relating to possible lack of cooperation between the Nation of Islam (NOI) and the Black "P" Stone Nation.

CG 6896-R furnished the information set forth in the LHM, same being classified "secret" in view of the extremely sensitive position of the source.

Source advised the data set forth in the LHM attributed to JEFF FORT actually came to him personally in letter form. He read the letter to MUHAMMAD. Obviously source is in a very sensitive position in this matter.

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For the above reason, this office is not advising the Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Chicago Police Department, of this data as MUHAMMAD is aware of it and as past experience has shown the GIU has not utilized the best judgment in acting on data furnished it. It is felt a foolhardy act on their part could well expose the source and jeopardize his physical well being, even his life.

Source has advised he will keep this office advised of any future developments in this matter, and if such letters are received in the future, he will suggest ELIJAH MUHAMMAD contact the GIU and even publish the contents in the "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper.



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Chicago, Illinois
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NATION OF ISLAM

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is characterized in later pages.

A confidential informant advised as follows on August 6, 1969:

"Muhammad Speaks," Vol. 8, No. 41, June 27, 1969, page 7, set forth an interview of Captain Edward Buckney, Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU), Police Department, Chicago, Illinois. The interview set forth Buckney's answers to various questions about gangs engaged in slaughter on the streets and schoolyards of Chicago.

In recent days, Jeff Fort, President of the Black "P" Stone Nation, was in contact with officials of the NOI at Muhammad's Temple No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, and protested the above article claiming the NOI had joined ranks with the GIU and the political machinery of Chicago. Fort proclaimed the article to be an insult. Fort advised his group was willing to try and work out in any way the problems that beset their people but added they would not continue to tolerate misinformation from the NOI or any other group which would alienate the black community from its children.

Fort protested recent articles in "Muhammad Speaks" tended to hold his group responsible for all gang slayings; tended to imply his group was worse than the hoodlums; tended to indicate his group was accepting money from whites to perpetrate criminal acts on black people.

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Fort proposed space be given to his group in "Muhammad Speaks" to tell the black people their real goals and objectives; a meeting between himself and Elijah Muhammad be set; and no other such articles appear in the paper.

Elijah Muhammad, leader of the NOI, when informed of the above, had no noticeable reaction other than to imply Fort and his group had better not bother them. At this point there is no indication Muhammad plans to meet with Fort.

"Muhammad Speaks" is self-described in its various issues as published weekly by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 in Chicago.

The Black "P" Stone Nation is a Negro youth gang operating on the South Side of Chicago. It was formerly known as the Blackstone Rangers.

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APPENDIX

FORMATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on May 3, 1968, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is an all Negro organization originating in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930s. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the leader of the NOI and self-styled "Messenger of Allah" in that he claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation within the United States. Headquarters of the NOI is located at Muhammad's Temple (or Mosque) Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

MUHAMMAD teaches there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "devils," in the United States; and that the white race because of its exploitation of the so-called Negro will be destroyed by Allah in an approaching "War of Armageddon" a war between God and the devil.

Officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to comply with provisions of the Selective Service Act, stating that they respect laws of the United States as long as they do not conflict with the laws of the NOI, but do not believe the government should force them to participate in wars from which they have nothing to gain.

In the late 1950s MUHAMMAD, acting on legal advice, tempered NOI teachings against the white man and the government to avoid possible prosecution, however, basic tenets remain the same. He de-emphasized religious teachings in the NOI and emphasized economic benefits derived by so-called Negroes who join the NOI. MUHAMMAD believed this would create more interest in his programs and, of course, new followers.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
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CO: CHICAGO
Chicago File 157-1258 (P)

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
CO: CHICAGO
Chicago File 157-1148 (P)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/29/69, first caption, and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/28/69, second caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LEM suitable for dissemination. One copy each of this LEM is being furnished the USA and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

On the basis of available information, there were no identifiable references located regarding GREGORY GREEN, EDWARD PAYNE, MONTEL JACKSON, RICHARD MC KINNEY, WALTER JACKSON, or ARDELL CHAMBERLAIN.

The confidential source referred to herein is the Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit who requested their identity be protected.

Chicago will continue to follow gang activities and report all pertinent developments to the Bureau.

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Chicago, Illinois

May 29, 1969

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

MAY, 1969

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A Chicago Police Department (PD) source advised on May 28, 1969, a truce had been declared between the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples, the two largest youth gangs operating on Chicago's South Side. Spokesmen for each gang advised they would discipline their members and reprimand those creating any trouble in South Side neighborhoods. Spokesmen for the gangs were critical of recent pleas by the Cook County State's Attorney in local news media requesting neighborhood cooperation by citizens in reporting gang activities.

Captain Fogerty, Watch Commander, Second PD District, advised on May 29, 1969, Gregory Green, a Negro male, age 14, residing at 4120 South Prairie Street, Chicago, was shot and killed at approximately 11:00 PM on May 28, 1969. The shooting occurred in the vicinity of 4000 South Indiana Street.

Captain Fogerty also advised that Edward Payne, Negro male, age 16, residing at 4928 East 78th Street, was shot in the hip in the vicinity of the above killing. This shooting occurred at approximately the same time as the one noted above. Payne was in good condition. According to Captain Fogerty, both were separate incidents. He concluded by saying that both incidents were believed to be related to youth gang recruiting drives in the area.

Detective Breen, Area 1, Homicide, Chicago PD, advised on May 29, 1969, the individuals set forth below were arrested and have been charged with the murder of Gregory Green:

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MAY, 1969
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Montel Jackson, Negro male, born October 11, 1950, residing at 427 East Bowen Street, second floor.

Richard McKinney, Negro male, born December 25, 1950, residing at 458 East 42nd Street.

Walter Jackson, Negro male, born July 26, 1951, residing at 4235 South Langley Street.
(No relation to Montel Jackson.)

Montel Jackson and Richard McKinney were armed when arrested.

McKinney admitted being at the scene of the Green killing and also at the scene of the shooting of Payne.

Detective Breen concluded by saying that in addition to the above three individuals arrested, the PD was also looking for one Ardell Chamberlain, Negro male, residing at 455 East 40th Street, second floor. Chamberlain is thought to be the "trigger man" of the above shooting. All are members of the Disciples.

The following agencies are being furnished a copy of this memorandum:

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United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military
Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 5/20/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)

SUBJECT: 0 BLACKSTONE RANGERS, aka
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G. C. Moore

W.F. Byrne

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of attached LHM being provided to United States Attorney, and United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Reion I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The confidential source referred to in attached LHM is Sergeant FRED BISHOP, Chicago Police Department Gang Intelligence, and the Agent who secured information is SA GERALD W. MURPHY.

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Chicago, Illinois
May 20, 1969

BLACKSTONE RANGERS, ALSO KNOWN AS
BLACK P. STONE NATION

A confidential source, who is involved in gathering intelligence information in the Chicago area, and who is familiar with youth gang activities in Chicago, provided the following information to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

The source advised the Blackstone Rangers is a Negro youth gang operating in a large territory on the south side of Chicago. This organization is considered as one of the better organized street gangs in Chicago and because of much publicity in national news media, this gang has been given added recruiting power. Because of the apparent expansion of the Blackstone Rangers they have now endeavored to expand to some of the suburban areas to the south of Chicago and generally use the name of the Black P. Stone Nation, in the areas of this current expansion.

Source also advised that many Negro youth claim affiliation with the Blackstone Rangers since it seems to serve a particular purpose when in fact the youth may not be a member. The source advised there is growing indication that the Blackstone Rangers are being used by adult individuals both white and

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Negro, in an attempt to operate quasi-legal business operations in the Negro communities. Source advise some of these business operations give the appearance of having affiliation with highly unsavory individuals.

This source advised that there are continuous rumors of members of the Blackstone Rangers becoming involved in many illegal activities such as armed robberies, burglaries, and strong-arming. Source advised that from time to time arrests have been made of individuals involved in such illegal activities and it has been learned that many of these youth have been affiliated with the Blackstone Rangers.

Source advised that there appears to be a growing number of shooting incidents involving members of the Blackstone Rangers and the number of firearms in the possession of Blackstone Ranger members also seems to be on the increase.

Source advised that the Blackstone Rangers as a group have from time to time endeavored to be involved in legal and constructive programs such as youth training in the theatre and musical events. Source advised that because the Blackstone Rangers in the past have had access to considerable amounts of funds, this has created an atmosphere of competition from other youth gangs. This competition seems to be created so that funding agencies will make money available so as to prevent further gang activities. This has apparently made gang recruitment more active and consequently intra-gang fights and shootings have been on the increase.

The source advised that the Blackstone Rangers have been affiliated with several churches on the south side of Chicago and has access to several church facilities for their meetings and places of entertainment.

The source advised that some individuals apparently members of the Blackstone Rangers have in the past several months been approaching businessmen on the south side of Chicago suggesting the businessmen "donate" money to assist the Rangers in preventing violence. Source advised that few of these events have proven to be prosecutable extortion cases, however, a suggestion of pressure is created.

Re: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Source advised that several of the Blackstone Rangers have from time to time in the past year been arrested and some are presently appealing cases in which they have been found guilty.

Source advised that in the past few months there appears to have been an indication that the Blackstone Rangers and other Negro youth gangs in Chicago have attempted to come to terms on peaceful grounds to terminate intra-gang killings or they have attempted to negotiate a coalition pact. Source advised that on at least one occasion the Black Panther Party (BPP) has made overtures of friendship with the Blackstone Rangers.

Attached hereto is a characterization of the BPP. This source advised, however, that on several occasions there have been indications of suggested armed warfare between the Blackstone Rangers and the BPP.

The source advised that Blackstone Rangers under their present structure do not appear to be interested in any close alliance with any other group and that they apparently do not have need financially or membership wise to bargain with any other organizations.

This source advised that the Blackstone Rangers has been in existence as a gang in one form or another for many years. Currently, however, the gang has been given more of a professional atmosphere, because of the involvement of old individuals and forces not within the confines of the south side Chicago. This gang more than any other in the Chicago area has taken on the more awesome atmosphere than "a mere street gang."

Copies of the memorandum are being sent to United States Attorney and United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Re: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
: Department of Justice

DATE: May 7, 1969

ATTN : Robert H. Haynes
Liaison Section

FROM : *A* Edward J. Anderson
Assistant Director for Intelligence
and Foreign Operations, BNDD

SUBJECT: Blackstone Rangers
aka Black Power Stones

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Attached is an unsigned, question and answer statement which contains information regarding the organizational structure; members; associates; finances; and tentative objectives of the Chicago, Illinois Blackstone Rangers.

This statement which was executed during the spring of 1968, also contains information about caches of weapons and the Rangers' participation in the Chicago riots of 1967 and the Democratic Convention disturbances of 1968. It was recently obtained from a reliable source by our Chicago Office.

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Q. What else can you tell us of the First Presbyterian Church?
A. Rev. Grye and v. Walker run the Church. Chuck LaPaglia is the Youth Counsellor. Anne Schwalbuck is the Secy. Gene and I felt that at first the Government maybe using Anne to derive information from the Rangers. She lives at 53rd and Kenwood and Chuck lives behind her. I believe she is German. Nancy is supposed to teach at the Head Start Program. She always appears to be afraid of something. Anne and the Nurse, Mae Rose controlled the Rangerettes. Gene and I stopped this. Francine used to be Fryns Secy.. Mae Rose and Anne use to give the Rangerettes Birth Control Pills and Shots to bring on their periods. Anne and Mae Rose caused troubles with the Rangerettes. We had the Rangerettes walk by the Main 21 where we would put on leather gloves and slap them around. Discipline was good except for Lamy Bell and Paul Martin. I wanted to have the Rangers wear a uniform of Jump Boots, Black Pants, Turtle Neck Black Sweater, and Patches with the Mighty Blackstone Rangers on them.

Q. How did the Blackstone Rangers get their name?

A. First it was the Rangers then we name the group the Blackstone Rangers.

II
Q. When did the Blackstone Rangers begin?

A. In 1958

Q. Who started the Rangers?

A. Edward Bey and five or six other members; Jr. Fort, Jeff Fort, Gene Hairston, Larry Bey, Eunice Bubbles Paine, Wm. Paine, Skip Leroy Hairston, George Rose, Clarence Decker, Robert Williams or William Robertson.

Q. Were there ever executions in the Rangers?

A. No. There were with the "D"s. All Stool Pigeons had to be shot and killed. For discipline we would shoot a boy in the fatty part of the arm.

ENCLOSURE

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Q. What is the organizational Structure of the Main 21?

Name	Nickname	Position
Eugene Hairston	Bull	President
Jeff Fort	Angel	Vice-President
George Rose	Watusi	War Lord
William Troop	Troop	Asst. War Lord
Lamar Bell	Bop	Spokesman
George Martin	Porgy	21
Bennard Green	Droop-Col.	21
Melvin Bailey	Lefty	21
	Hutch	21
	Moose	21
Woody Brown	Woody	21
A.D. McChristian	A.D.	21
Edwin Cogwell	Caboo	21
	Little Charley	21
Leroy Hairston	Leroy	21
	Mr. Maniac	21
	Touche	21
Little Robert	Dog	21
	Bo	21
Lee Jackson	Stone	21
Paul Martin	Crazy Paul	21
Herbert Stevens	Thunder	21
Fletcher Pugh	Pugh	21
John Littleton	Johnny O.	21
Theodus Clark	Pimp	21
Adam Baptiste	Baptiste	21
Loote Ber	Ber	21

Q. What is Paul Martin?

A. He is a Pimp, Bartender, Strong Arm Man

Q. How many Members do the Rangers have at this time?

A. About 6,000 not counting the adults that would join in in event trouble.

Q. Has the number of members in the Rangers changed and if so Why?

A. Yes, because of the changes in the amounts of money available.

Q. What monies are donated to the Rangers?

A. Youth Job, Urban League, Catholic School Board, TWO

Q. Who received the majority of the money collected as dues?

A. Bull and Angel

Q. What is the greatest amount of money that you have seen in the possession of the Rangers?

A. \$29,000 which I saw at Jeffs Mothers House

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- Q. Where did this money come from if you know?
- A. Dues and Protection Money
- Q. How does the protection racket work with the Rangers?
- A. Businessmen would be contacted by Bull. If they would not pay, Bull would have us wreck the joint.
- Q. Can you give specific addresses where this has happened?
- A. 67th & Blackstone, The Din, and many others.
- Q. What was the money used for that was collected?
- A. It would be used for bond money and the purchasing of guns
- Q. Where would the Rangers buy their guns?
- A. From people on the street and in the gunshops in the suburbs.
- Q. Who would buy the guns?
- A. Any one designated by Bull. Sometimes myself
- Q. How much money was spent on these guns?
- A. An average of from \$35 to \$75. .22 to .45 Caliber guns.
- Q. What can you tell us about Hand Grenades?
- A. I had about 15 from Bull. They were the Smoke and some were the fragmentation grenades. Gene bought them from a fella named Ec
- Q. What can you tell us of any 30-30 Carbines?
- A. I have had occasion to see about seven of them.
- Q. What can you tell us of the guns that were stolen from a train?
- A. They were stolen by the Diciples and kept at a church at 74th and Maryland
- Q. How many guns could the Rangers muster if needed right at this time?
- A. About 200 easily
- Q. What was the ultimate aim of the Rangers with all of this armament?
- A. To have a City full of Blackstone Rangers. Jeff and Bull said they would then cause a riot and then make demands.
- Q. What were the demands going to be?
- A. Jobs, Playgrounds, Building Renewal
- Q. Whose idea was it to paint the names on the buildings?
- ~~Bull~~
- A. Bull, Jeffs, and Mine to force replacing of the buildings.
- Q. Where have you traveled for the Rangers?
- A. No-where. Bull, Jeff, Bop, Green and Bey have left.
- Q. Where did they go?
- A. Philadelphia, Michigan, California
- Q. Who did they see in these States?
- A. I only know that they saw Karenga in California.
- Q. What can you tell about narcotics in the Rangers?
- A. Jeff and Bull had something to do with Jimmy Lee Strauder.
- Q. What of yourself?
- A. Jr Watts approached me for green light on the peddlers of his.
- What of Jeff and Bull with Strauder?
- A. He approached me as leader. I had a few hustlers working for me. He wanted me thru a rap-partner by the name of Rico to allow peddlers a free hand on 63rd and the neighborhood. Watts then offered Bull \$500 per month for this favor. The offer then went to \$700 and then \$1500 per month. Gene refused because of the Crime Syndicate.

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Q. How many peddlers would you believe there to be in the Woodlawn Area that are good pushers?

A. About 20 and they work out of taverns and off the street.

Q. What can you tell us of the Jimmy Lee Stauder Murder?

A. Bey said Bull told him that we were doing our job indicating that a Ranger had killed Strauder.

Q. What makes you think the Syndicate run the narcotics?

A. Common knowledge. Watts is supposed to work for the syndicate.

Q. What Mustangs have you seen Jeff drive?

A. A Blue one.

Q. What are the secret hiding places in the church used to hide guns?

A. Balcony in Gym, false ceiling.

Q. How many guns have you seen in that area?

A. I don't know, but I have seen K Town bring some down.

Q. Have you ever seen Hand Grenades in the Church and if so where?

A. In the Ass't Pastors Office there was a Piano. Reach under the piano and up on a shelf there are hand-grenades. Quite a few of them.

Q. Who has the greatest knowledge of the financial status of the Rangers and the present whereabouts of their armament?

A. Bull, Jeff, Bernard Green and Eddie Bey.

Q. What people in the Civil Rights Movement have you seen Jeff or Bull meet with?

A. Dick Gregory, Karenga, Stokley Carmichael/

Q. What can you tell us of the tunnel underneath the church?

A. The one time I was in the tunnel I was slightly bombed and don't remember much about it. The boiler room has been used to hide weapons. I hid a .410 Sawed-Off Shotgun I bought from Chicken-Cornelius who I believe his father was a police Sgt. or Lt..

Q. What can you tell us of the Planned Riot for Chicago last year?

A. We planned to take the loop about the 8th or 9th of August as the Police would be off guard. John Frye put in his two cents that the way to hust the whited was the loop because \$20 Million passes thru there a day. We planned on using the Vice Lords coming in from the North. The Puerto Ricans would come from the West., and the Rangers would come from the South and the East. Mickdy Cogwell and his boys would already be in the loop. We would do this at the rush hour 5 p.m.. We would begin by looting the stores and we would set fires and all of us would be armed. When we talked about these plans Frye was there for his two cents and then he would leave; also present were Chuck, Bull, Jeff, and myself. The reason that it did not come off is that I talked them out of it only because I thought that the Army would make a bigger square arounds us and that would be the end of the Rangers. Jeff was the hardest to talk out of rioting.

Q. What is planned for this Summers Convention?

A. I have seen Karenga and some guys from Detroit talking with Jeff and Bull. I know of the guys from Detroit from Earl Samuel Dilley "Sam" who is now a member of the 21, The tigers of the Sun (Black Nationalists) are with Dick Gregory. Martin Luther King will be here and they will take over the convention. King will lead the marches and block all the routes to the Amphitheatre. As yet I don't think the Rangers are committed to any one person, although a lot of money has been offered to them to help for this summer

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This movement was
started by
Jeff and Bull

- Q. You mentioned Marshall Korshak at an other meeting?
- A. One day John Frye took me to see Marshal Korshak. Frye told me, Korshak I was a big leader with the Rangers. Korshak asked Frye what he wanted and Frye said he wanted a Black Voice for the Ghetto. Frye said he knew that Korshak has fought a hard battle to win election but that none was as hard as what "We could put on the street with Molotov Cocktails and .38s. (This was at the end of last summer) Frye wanted Korshak to back Dick Newhouse and Korshak said that he would check with his colleagues before making any commitment.
- Q. Is there any National Implications of the Ranger Organization?
- A. There are Rangers in Milwaukee, Watts, L.A., San Francisco, and Detroit.
- Q. To your knowledge, is there any one person directing this effort?
- A. Gene Hairston was before he went to jail.
- Q. Are there any National Dues?
- A. Not yet, these groups started independantly and Gene planned on Co-ordinating one Ranger Nation. Gene knows the Adults would always support the teen-agers if a riot would break out nationwide.
- Q. Does the Ranger Troop do any soliciting for membership while traveling to do shows?
- A. They used to but Gene stopped this.
- Q. When the Rangers made an agreement with the CPD and the Treasury Department for the Rangers to surrender their weapons what actually happened?
- A. Gene and Jeff came up with the idea and Frye agreed with it; to turn in all rusty non operating guns and for two days prior to turning the guns in I helped many of the Rangers to make zip guns and this is what we turned in. All of the working guns we kept.
- Q. Are the Black Nationalists or the Communist Party directly tied with the Blackstone Rangers?
- A. Not that I know of.
- Q. Was there ever a "Hippie" who asked the Rangers to Burn Old Town for a price?
- A. Not that I know of. There was a teacher who looked like a Hippie and he gave a Honda to Gene. He was from New York and I believe his name may have been Bob.
- Q. Who is the power that Directs Frye?
- A. I believe someone or some organization, maybe the Communist Party but I honestly can't say for sure.
- Q. On a previous interview you mentioned a \$10,000 check that Anne Schwalbuck had given to you to hold?
- A. After Hairston was in Court the second time, Anne showed me a \$10,000 check and she also had a roll of \$50s which was to be used for bail for Gene.
- Q. You also mentioned at a previous interview of an arrest in which Rev. Frye assisted you in evading the Police?
- A. The police had arrested Gene and took out their pistols and held them on Gene. Gene told me to call out the "Nation" and I did. Then a fight started on a porch and T Baby and I ran up there to grab a cop that was hitting a woman. A cop fired into the hall and I grabbed the cop. A group of cops grabbed me and drew their guns so I walked toward the Paddy Wagon. Then four shots rang out and everybody ducked down. Frye told me to come with him to the Church which I did. I got there at about 8 p.m. and left about 3 a.m..

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Date: 4/24/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9522) TDC
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Remytel to Director, dated 4/22/69. per 39

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Review of Chicago indices developed no additional pertinent information regarding individuals mentioned in attached LHM.

Copies of instant LHM are being provided to USA, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. P

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

Chicago, Illinois
April 24, 1969

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Richard Jalovec of the Illinois State's Attorney's Office advised that on April 22, 1969, five members of the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang operating on the south side of Chicago, were indicted by a Cook County Grand Jury. These indictments were for the slaying of a radio dispatcher of the East Chicago Heights Police Station, March 9, 1969. The five charged with murder and attempted robbery were identified as Monty Powell, Negro male, age 19 of 1402 East 16th Street; Lindsey Ruffin, Negro male, age 17 of 940 East 15th Street; Aaron Overall, Negro male, age 19 of 913 East 16th Street; Joe Louis Harris, Negro male, age 21 of 1408 West 14th Street; and Charles Smith, Negro male, age 19 of 1103 Park Avenue, all addresses of East Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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Powell and Ruffin were already in custody and presiding Judge Joseph A. Power issued warrants for the remaining three.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
Chicago Division
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(OO: Chicago)
Bufile 105-165706 Sub 9
CGfile 157-1291

BLACKSTONE RANGERS (BR)
RM
(OO: Chicago)
Bufile 157-9522
CGfile 157-1148

Re Butel 12/20/68, Chicago teletypes 12/19/68,
12/25/68, and Chicago airtel and LHM dated 12/20/68.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed that proposed meeting of BPP and BR scheduled for Christmas day be followed closely. Chicago teletype 12/19/68 advised of meeting between groups on 12/18/68. Chicago airtel and LHM 12/20/68 set forth information contained in Chicago teletype 12/19/68. Chicago teletype 12/25/68 advised meeting tentatively scheduled for 12/15/68 did not occur.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed Chicago submit counterintelligence proposals in effort to prevent BPP and BR combining efforts.

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Chicago letters 12/30/68, 1/13/69, 1/16/69, and 1/23/69 captioned, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE (BLACK PANTHER PARTY) (BPP)," contains Chicago's proposal in this regard.

Referenced Bureau teletype instructed cache of weapons displayed by BR on 12/18/68 should be investigated regarding possibly violation of Federal statutes, and matter should be followed closely with local authorities.

Sgt. ELJIA COOK (protect), Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised on 1/23/69 that extensive investigation by "undercover unit" failed to develop any information indicating ownership or location of guns displayed on 12/18/68 by members of BR. Chicago Police Department sources, as well as former CG 7251-C, presently under consideration as racial informant, request pending with Bureau, will not testify as to information concerning BR guns on 12/18/68.

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Date: 1/7/69

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) -
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CHICAGO FILE 157-1291 (P)
(BUFILE 105-165706) (Sub9);
(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
CHICAGO FILE 157-1148 (P)
(BUFILE 157-9522)
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, dated 12/30/68, and Bureau airtel 1/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. One copy of this LHM is furnished San Francisco inasmuch as they are office of origin in the BPP.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, U.S. Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Naval Intelligence Service Office, all Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Group, Evanston, Illinois. Chicago Police Department has been advised.

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Source is WILLIAM MC KINLEY O'NEAL,
former CG 7251-C, who is under development as
a racial informant.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1291
157-1148

BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On December 30, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Fred Hampton, Suburban Minister of State, Black Panther Party, was in telephonic contact with Jeff Fort, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, a south side Chicago gang, on December 27, 1968. Fort allegedly told Hampton that the Panthers had until noon, Saturday, December 28, 1968, to join the Rangers as Rangers or stay out of Ranger territory. Hampton allegedly countered by stating to Fort that the Rangers had until noon, Saturday, December 28, 1968, to join the Panthers as Panthers, or stay out of Panther territory, then hung up.

On January 6, 1969, source advised that the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party in Chicago had met and decided to conduct no activity or to attempt to recruit any members from the Blackstone Ranger territory.

// Source advised that as of January 6, 1969, there are no plans for any further meetings between the Black Panther Party and Blackstone Rangers.

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ENCLOSURE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, United States Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, United States Naval Intelligence Service Office, all Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military Group, Evanston, Illinois.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
January 7, 1969

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Title **BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND
BLACKSTONE RANGERS**

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Reference **Memorandum dated and
captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

1-6-69

1 - Mr. E.M. Johnson

Airtel

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
CHICAGO DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS
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CGfile: 157-1291

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Reurairtel 12-30-68.

Promptly submit pertinent portions of reairtel by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination at the Bureau and locally to appropriate interested agencies.

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NOTE:

The Blackstone Rangers is a large Negro youth gang operating in Chicago's south side. The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization headquartered in Berkeley, California. Information previously received by LHM concerned a possible merger of captioned groups. Reairtel advises that each group has threatened the other to become part of their group or stay out of their territory. Such information should be set forth in an LHM and Chicago is being so instructed.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY -
 CHICAGO DIVISION
 RM
 CHICAGO FILE 157-1291 (P)
 (BUFILE 105-165706) (Sub 9);

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
 RM
 CHICAGO FILE 157-1148 (P)
 (BUFILE 157-9522)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 12/25/68.

WILLIAM O'NEAL, former OG 7251-C, advised 12/30/68, that FRED HAMPTON received phone call at Black Panther headquarters on 12/27/68, from JEFF FORT, Blackstone Ranger leader. FORT told HAMPTON the Panthers had until noon Saturday, 12/28/68, to join the Rangers as Rangers or stay out of Ranger territory. HAMPTON countered by stating the Rangers had until noon Saturday, 12/28/68, to join the Panthers as Panthers or stay out of Panther territory, then hung up.

Source advised that as of this date, there are no plans for any further meetings between the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers.

Chicago Police Dept. cognizant of above information. Chicago continues to closely follow activities and Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY,
CHICAGO DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS
Chicago file 157-1291
Bureau file 105-165706 Sub 9

Blackstone Rangers
RACIAL MATTERS
Chicago file 157-1148
Bureau file 157-9522

Re Bureau teletype 12/20/68, and Chicago teletype
12/19/68, both under above captions.

Chicago is following closely the matter regarding a possible coalition involving the captioned organizations, as set forth in referenced Chicago teletype. In the event the scheduled Christmas meeting between these two clubs takes place, Chicago will provide the Bureau with pertinent information by teletype as requested, immediately upon receipt.

A counterintelligence proposal regarding this matter was submitted by Chicago 12/16/68, under the caption, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS RACIAL INTELLIGENCE."

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Chicago has made available all information regarding this matter to appropriate units within the Chicago Police Department as well as the Alcohol Tobacco Tax Unit, (ATTU) the latter of which has primary investigative jurisdiction in firearms matters. Previous information concerning use and possession of weapons by both groups has also been made available to ATTU.

As a matter of information, the Gang Intelligence Unit of the Chicago Police Department has advised that its latest information reflects no weapons to be currently stored at the First Presbyterian Church, 64th and Kimbark. Information from Chicago sources in this matter does not indicate cache of weapons to be located at this church.

Weapons involved in the meeting on 12/18/68, were carried by the individual members of the Blackstone Rangers with no indication as to exactly where these weapons were obtained or stored.

Chicago is following closely and all pertinent developments will be appropriately provided for the Bureau.

TELETYPE TO SAC CHICAGO
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
BLACKSTONE RANGERS
105-165706 Sub 9

RANGERS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REGARDING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
FIREARMS ACTS AND UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
BY THIS GROUP. SUBMIT DATA DEVELOPED IN THIS REGARD UNDER
APPROPRIATE CAPTION.

NOTE:

The Chicago branch of the BPP is a black extremist, violence prone organization. The Blackstone Rangers is the largest of the Negro youth gangs in Chicago. The Blackstone Rangers is extremely violence prone and have a membership estimated in the thousands. On 12/18/68 the above two groups had a secret meeting to discuss possibility of combining groups. Nothing decided but to meet again on Christmas Day. The Blackstone Rangers, as a show of power, exhibited a large cache of weapons including machine guns, shotguns, revolvers and carbines. Possible violation of Federal Firearms Act discussed with Division Six and they are in agreement with instructions set out above.

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URGENT 12-19-68 RMF
TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT
FROM CHICAGO

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ONE TWO NINE ONE/
BLACKSTONE RANGERS /BR/ RM, 00 CHICAGO / ONE FIVE SEVEN-
ONE ONE FOUR EIGHT/

INSTANT, SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED SECRET MEETING
OCCURRED BETWEEN ABOVE GROUPS, ELEVEN PM, DECEMBER EIGHTEEN
LAST AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTY-FOURTH AND KIMBARK,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. STATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED RANGERS
AND THIRTY PANTHERS, INCLUDING THREE PANTHER GIRLS PRESENT. BR,
CHICAGO, SOUTHSIDE NEGRO YOUTH GANG DEMONSTRATED TO PANTHERS THEIR
"POWER" BY DISPLAYING A NUMBER OF WEAPONS INCLUDING EIGHT FORTY
FIVE CALIBER MACHINE GUNS OPERATED FROM SHOULDER, CLIP TYPE,
CARBINES, SHOTGUNS, BOTH REGULAR AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE SAWED
OFF, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS HANDGUNS. STATED ABOUT ONE HALF OF RANGERS
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HAD FORTYFIVE CALIBER REVOLVERS AND ALL WEAPONS GAVE APPEARANCE OF BEING NEW. NOT AWARE IF RANGERS HAVE AMMO FOR WEAPONS. ALMOST EVERYONE PRESENT EXCEPT THREE WOMEN WERE ARMED.

MEETING WAS TO DISUCSS POSSIBILITY OF COMBINING ABOVE GROUPS, HOWEVER, THING DECIDED EXCEPT TO MEET AGAIN ON CHRISTMAS DAY, LOCATION UNKNOWN THIS TIME.

SOURCE ADVISED UNKNOWN SPOKESMAN FOR BPP INDICATED TO BR DESIRES BR AND BPP TO WORK TOGETHER. SOURCE ADVISED SPOKESMAN FOR BR INDICATED THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF BPP, BUT WERE SYMPATHETIC WITH BPP.

SOURCE STATED RANGERS GAVE PANTHERS ONE OF THE ABOVE FORTYFIVE CALIBER MACHINE GUNS TO TRY OUT. CHICAGO PD SOURCE, ADVISED INSTANT THEY HAVE RECEIVED UNEVALUATED INFORMATION RE ABOVE MEETING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FIRST SOURCE IS CG SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE - C WHO IS BEING OPENED AS A RACIAL SOURCE AND LETTER BEING SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU APPROVAL. CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE IS INTELLIGENCE UNIT, WHO WAS FURNISHED INSTANT DATE, INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO CG SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE - C IN SUITABLE FORM TO PROTECT CG SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE - C. SECRET SERVICE, USA, ^{ATTORNEY} ATTK AND MILITARY ADVISED.

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Date: 12/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 11/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. One copy each of this LHM is being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

As of December 1, 1968, Officer WILLIAM RICHTER, Department of the Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised that as a result of the arrests reported in the enclosed LHM, there has been no known repercussions, and the south side area has remained quiet.

This matter is being followed with the Chicago Police Department, and the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IIU, RAO, CD,
ACSI, OSI, SS

HOW FORW: _____

DATE FORW: DEC 10 1968

BY: *[Handwritten initials]*

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11)
- 3 - Chicago
- 1 - 157-1629 (JEFF FORT)
- 1 - 157-1258 (YOUTH GANGS)

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Approved: 165
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

Chicago, Illinois
December 2, 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On November 30, 1968, Officer Woods, Youth Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that on this date Jeff Fort, president of the Blackstone Rangers, led a group of about 900 Negro teen-agers on a march from 59th Street and Dorchester Street to 55th Street and Wentworth Avenue. The purpose of this march was reportedly to rename State Street "Pony Soldier Avenue" after a deceased Blackstone Ranger. This group became rowdy, harassing whites and Negroes along the route, at which point the police broke up the march, arresting Jeff Fort and 45 others, mostly juveniles, charging them with disorderly conduct and mob action. He advised there were no injuries reported, and the area remained calm.

The Blackstone Rangers are a large Negro youth gang operating on the south side of Chicago.

On December 1, 1968, Officer William Richter, Department of the Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised that Jeff Fort was released on bond and that all juveniles arrested in the above incident were released to the custody of their parents. He advised that the south side area of this incident remained quiet with no apparent repercussions.

One copy each of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, the United States Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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ENCLOSURE

157-1148-37

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/1/68

Attached concerns racial disturbance in Chicago led by Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang.

Copies of attached sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General.

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VIA TELETYPE
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

DEFERRED 11-30-68 TAB
TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT
FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)(P)

Racial Matter
BLACKSTONE RANGERS. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

Chicago Police Department

OFFICER WOODS, INTELLIGENCE UNIT ~~CCPD~~ ADVISED INSTANT

JEFF FORT, PRESIDENT. BLACKSTONE RANGERS LED GROUP OF ABOUT
NINE HUNDRED NEGRO TEENAGERS ON MARCH FROM FIFTYNINTH STREET
AND DORCHESTER STREET TO FIFTYFIFTH STREET AND WENTWORTH AVE.
DURING LATE AFTERNOON HOURS. PURPOSE OF MARCH TO RENAME STATE SOUTH
STREET, PONY SOLDIER AVE AFTER DECEASED BLACKSTONE RANGER.

S. J. [unclear]
[unclear]

GROUP BECAME ROWDY, HARRASSING WHITES
AND NEGROS ALONG ROUTE. POLICE BROKE UP MARCH ARRESTING FORT
AND FORTY FIVE OTHERS, MOSTLY JUVENILES WHOSE IDENTITIES NOT
AVAILABLE, CHARGING THEM WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND MOB ACTION.

[unclear]

NO INJURIES REPORTED, AREA NOW CALM.

[unclear]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MILITARY ADVISED. USA, *Attorney* SECRET SERVICE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING
Memo CHICAGO FOLLOWING, BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ANY PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 835 92D

FBI

Date: 11/6/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
(OO: Chicago)

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*E. J. Mc...
(RM 2260)*

Remytel, dated 11/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning captioned matter.

Source referred to in LHM is Sergeant LAWRENCE GIBBINS, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, Youth Gang Intelligence.

One copy each of above mentioned LHM is being forwarded to USA's Office, Chicago, and Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and the 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

AGENCY: ASST. DIR., OSI, SEC. SERV.,
REPLY: CHICAGO, 157-1148, CD, C.R.D.

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BY: [Handwritten]

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- 3- Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
- 3- Chicago
- 1- 157-2158 (FRY)
- 1- 157-413

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-1148)

Chicago, Illinois
November 6, 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On November 4, 1968, source who furnished reliable information in the past, reported that "No-Voter" signs are being painted all over the southside of Chicago, and that these signs are the work of the Youth Gang known as the Blackstone Rangers. Source attributes the idea of the signs to recent statements of Reverend John Fry, of the First Presbyterian Church, 64th and Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Fry is closely associated with the Blackstone Rangers, and the Rangers meet regularly at his church. Source believed that the Blackstone Rangers may attempt, by threat of violence, to intimidate voters away from polls on election day, November 5, 1968. Further source noted that similar signs are appearing on the westside of Chicago, which is not Ranger territory.

On November 4, 1968, Chicago press media quotes Blackstone Rangers spokesman to the effect that he is claiming Rangers are distributing literature on a citywide scale, urging voters to stay home on Election Day, November 5, 1968, as a repudiation of Mayor Daley. Spokesman claims that this is the first step to the takeover of the Chicago political apparatus by 1970 (presumably the Rangers).

On November 5, 1968, Officer Chanski, Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Field Services, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, reported to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that he had just been notified by the communications center of his department, that an anonymous telephone call had been received concerning the Blackstone Rangers. Officer Chanski stated that the caller indicated the Rangers would cause disturbances at a polling place located at 55th and Michigan Avenues; and at a polling place on 55th Street, between Michigan and Indiana Avenues, and other polling locations in that area.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

In addition, Officer Chanski noted that the Blackstone Rangers youth gang had established headquarters at the Cryle Hotel, 5450 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Officer Chanski stated that his department was on the alert for any possible disturbances or trouble, and should anything develop, the Chicago Office of the FBI will immediately be notified.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Secret Service, Chicago, and the 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/4/68

Attached relates to Blackstone Rangers, a Chicago, Illinois Negro youth gang responsible for "No-Vote Signs" painted all over South Side of Chicago and same gang may attempt to threaten violence to keep voters from polls. This activity allegedly to repudiate Mayor Daley.

Appropriate local authorities cognizant. Chicago office following closely. Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General. Pertinent parts of attached to be included in summary teletype to White House and other interested levels of Government.

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148)

H. Johnson

11. 4. 1

BLACKSTONE RANGERS.

B. C. [unclear]

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, REPORTS NO - VOTE SIGNS ARE PAINTED ALL OVER SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO. SIGNS WORK OF YOUTH GANG BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SOURCE ATTRIBUTES IDEA TO RECENT STATEMENTS REVEREND JOHN FRY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTY FOURTH AND KIMBARK, CHICAGO. FRY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH BLACKSTONE RANGERS WHO MEET REGULARLY HIS CHURCH.

T. P. [unclear]
E. [unclear]
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SOURCE BELIEVES RANGERS MAY ATTEMPT TO THREAT^{EN} OF

VIOLENCE TO INTIMIDATE VOTERS AWAY FROM POLLS

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SIMILAR SIGNS APPEARING ON WEST SIDE OF CHICAGO

WHICH IS NOT RANGER TERRITORY.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS SPOKESMAN IN NEWS MEDIA TODAY

CLAIMS RANGERS DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON CITY WIDE SCALE URGING VOTERS TO STAY HOME TOMORROW AS A REPUDIATION OF MAYOR DALEY. SPOKESMAN CLAIMS THIS FIRST STEP TO TAKE

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OVER CHICAGO POLITICAL APPARATUS BY NINETEEN SEVENTY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS SERGEANT LAWRENCE GIBBINS, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH GANG INTELLIGENCE. CHICAGO PD ALERTED TO POSSIBLE CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION AND WILL REFER TO FBI.

CHICAGO ALERT TO POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATIONS AND FOLLOWING

~~COPY SENT AG AND IDIU XEROX ROSEN~~ SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. MEMO FOLLOWS
~~CLOSE AND SECRETARY VISE ADVISED. LHM~~

~~FOLLOWS.~~

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~~CLOSELY. MILITARY, USA, AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM~~

~~FOLLOWS.~~

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CC - [unclear]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : *WMA*
C SAC, MOBILE (157-2788) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

WMA
Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 9/16/68, and
Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 9/4/68.

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On 9/26/68, PARKER LEE JACKSON was again contacted
at the Montgomery County Jail and advised that he was to
appear for a preliminary hearing at 2:00 P.M. this date.
PARKER stated he could not say whether the BLACKSTONE
RANGERS still exist in Montgomery since BENNIE BURTON and
he had been jailed.

JACKSON advised that he did not believe the group
in Montgomery was involved in racial matters but their
purpose was to commit criminal acts to get money. PARKER
advised that the group here was an isolated group not
connected with or receiving direction from Chicago. He
stated the only two members associated with the Chicago
organization were BURTON and himself. JACKSON advised
he could not offer any additional information on the Chicago
group as he had not had any word from anyone since being in
Montgomery.

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On this same date, ED WRIGHT, Captain, Youth Aid
Division, Police Department, Montgomery, Alabama, and
Lieutenant O. M. STRICKLAND advised that no activity from
the group associated with JACKSON and BURTON had been re-
ported since they were both placed in jail. WRIGHT advised
that this group associated themselves more in the criminal
field and no evidence of any of the group being involved in
racial matters had been presented.

REC 11

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 1-Chicago (157-1148) (Info) (RM)
- 3-Mobile
 - (1-157-2788)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

MO 157-2788

On 10/14/68, J. D. GAFFORD, Identification Division, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that PARKER LEE JACKSON and WILLIE B. DAVIS, two Negro inmates of the jail escaped from custody of a Deputy Sheriff at the County Health Clinic where they had been taken to receive shots. GAFFORD advised that both were serving misdemeanor charges as they had been bound over to the County Grand Jury but had not yet been indicted. { 11/11 }

No further investigation concerning the BLACKSTONE RANGERS is being conducted at this time. ✓

FBI

Date: 10/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1158) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

Re Mobile airtel and LHM to the Bureau dated 9/4/68; Springfield airtel to Director dated 9/12/68; Chicago airtel and LHM dated 9/16/68, all captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau, are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Copies of LHM being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, U.S. Attorney, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston.

Two copies of LHM being furnished Springfield Division.

First Source is Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department.

Second Source utilized is CSCG7300-R.

Third Source is LEON WEST, a CS-R who is acquainted with the Blackstone Ranger gang and some members.

Chicago continues to follow this situation and the activities of the Blackstone Rangers and the Bureau will be kept advised.

ENCLOSURE REC-91

157-1158-31

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
 - 2 - Springfield (Encl. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - Chicago
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AGENCY: ACSI, NTC, OSI, SEC. SERV.;
DEPT: ISD, ~~CRS~~, ~~RAO~~, ~~ILDC~~

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HOW FORW: _____
DATE FORW: _____

BY: _____

U. C. Bishop

REC'D INT. SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

October 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 157-1158

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source which collects background and intelligence type data in the Chicago area advised during September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers gang started around 1959 on Chicago's south side. Source stated that this gang, made up of Negro youths, has grown year by year and its membership now probably totals in the thousands. Source stated that Eugene Hairston, now in prison for conviction of solicitation to commit murder, and Jeff Fort, who recently walked out of Senator Mc Cellan hearings in Washington, D.C., are the two main leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. Source also advised that a governing group known as the "Main 21" more or less run the affairs of the Blackstone Rangers and that this group changes from time to time.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Source also advised that the Blackstone Ranger gang from their inception have only operated and conducted their activities on Chicago's south side with East 63rd Street being a focal point. Source also advised that he has never heard of the Cermak District. Source advised there is a Cermak Road in Chicago, but the Rangers have never known to operate in this area.

On October 7, 1968, source was recontacted and advised he has developed no information concerning activity of the Rangers on Cermak Road. No information has been received concerning the Rangers in any area outside Chicago, specifically Peoria, Illinois. Source states he knows of no connection

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between the Rangers in Chicago and any Negro youth gangs in Peoria.

A second source, who is acquainted with youth gangs in the City of Chicago advised in September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers, have always operated on Chicago's south side in the area around East 63rd Street.

This source advised there are Negro youth gangs operating in the Cermak Road area of Chicago, but they belong to different youth gangs.:

Source advised on October 7, 1968, that he has developed no information concerning any plans of Blackstone Rangers to destroy any areas of the city by fire during September or any similar plans concerning Peoria, Illinois, during October, 1968.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is acquainted with the activities of the Blackstone Rangers advised during September, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers have never been known to operate on Cermak Road in Chicago.

This source advised on October 7, 1968, that he has developed no information concerning any activity planned by the Rangers in Peoria, Illinois, and considers it very unlikely. He knows of no contact between the Rangers or any group in Peoria.

The above information has been furnished to United States Secret Service, Chicago, United States Attorney, Chicago, Region I 113th M.I. Group, Evanston.

FBI

Date: 9/16/68

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Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

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Re Mobile airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the Bureau dated 9/4/68.

CG/ans

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

First source utilized is Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department. Second source utilized is CS CG 7300-R. Third source utilized is LEON WEST, a CS-R who is acquainted with the Blackstone Ranger gang and some of their activities.

Sergeant GARLAND DAVIS, Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department, advised on 9/9/68 that there are no warrants outstanding for either BENNIE BURTON or PARKER LEE JACKSON.

It should be noted that the Chicago Office has a pending case and is following the activities of the Blackstone Rangers.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 3 - Mobile (Enc. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
 - (1 - 157-PARKER LEE JACKSON)
 - (1 - 157-BENNIE BURTON)
- 1 - Chicago

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AGENCY: AGSI, SEC, OSI, SEC. SERV.,

HOW FORM: ISD, CDR, SMO, IDIU, CD, CRD

DATE FORM: 9/12/68

BY: [Signature]

Room 836
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C.C. Bishop

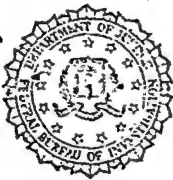
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

SEP 16 1968

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source, which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on September 9, 1968, that there is no indication that Bennie Burton or Parker Jackson are being sought by any law enforcement agency in the Chicago area.

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This source also advised that the Blackstone Ranger gang started around 1959 on Chicago's south side. Source stated that gang, made up of Negro youths, has grown year by year and its membership now probably totals in the thousands. Source also stated that Eugene Hairston, now in prison for conviction of solicitation to commit murder and Jeff Fort, who recently walked out of Senator McClellan hearings in Washington, are the two main leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. Source also advised that a governing group known as the "Main 21", more or less run the affairs of the Blackstone Rangers and that this group changes from time to time.

Source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers gang from their inception have only operated and conducted their activities on Chicago's south side with East 63rd Street being a focal point. Source also advised that he has never heard of a Cermak District. Source did state that there is a Cermak Road, but he has never known the Blackstone Rangers to operate in that area.

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ENCLOSURE

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A second source who is acquainted with youth gangs in the City of Chicago, advised on September 10, 1968, that Parker Jackson and Bennie Burton are unknown to him. This second source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers, since their inception, have always operated in an area on Chicago's south side in the vicinity of East 63rd Street. This second source advised that there are Negro youth gangs operating in the Cermak Road area on Chicago's west side, but they belong to an entirely different youth gang.

A third source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is acquainted with activities of the Blackstone Rangers advised on September 9, 1968, that Parker Jackson and Bennie Burton are unknown to him. This third source also advised that the Blackstone Rangers have never operated on Cermak Road on Chicago's west side and that to the best of his knowledge there is no district known as the Cermak District.

FBI

Date: 9/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL _____
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-189)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

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Butler

Re: Mobile airtel to Bureau, 9/4/68
Springfield airtel 9/11/68

In view of the information contained in memorandum dated 9/4/68 at Mobile, Alabama, indicating certain sections of Peoria, Illinois, will be burned down during the month of October, the Chicago Office should immediately contact racial informants and other strategically placed sources who can report on plans of Blackstone Rangers for specific plans regarding the forthcoming incident at Peoria, Illinois. Chicago should capitalize on any rapport developed through interviews of Blackstone Rangers' members during Demcon investigation into their activities, and attempt to enlarge upon information contained in memorandum dated 9/4/68 at Mobile, Alabama. Upon development of positive information, it should be expeditiously furnished Springfield Division so appropriate authorities may be notified.

In the event Chicago obtains information indicating information provided by the Mobile Division by PARKER LEE JACKSON (PROTECT IDENTITY) is without foundation in fact, this should also be provided Springfield, together with documentation which contradicts allegation of racial incident to occur at Peoria during that time.

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Parker

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Chicago
- 2 - Mobile
- 2 - Springfield (157-189)
(1: 157-553) (Blackstone Rangers)

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

554 AM URGENT 9/9/68 ERH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P)

REC-7

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

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DETECTIVE WILLIAM STROCCHIA, AREA ONE HOMICIDE, CHICAGO PD, ADVISED FOUR THIRTY AM, INSTANT, THAT GANG SHOOTING BETWEEN COBRA STONES AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS TOOK PLACE ONE FIFTEEN AM, INSTANT, AT ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES, FIFTY THIRD AND STATE ST., CHICAGO. AREA OF SHOOTING ALL NEGRO AND COBRA STONES AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS ARE NEGRO YOUTH GANGS LOCATED SOUTH SIDE CHICAGO WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN NEGRO TEENAGE WAR FARE PREVIOUSLY.

REC-7 157-9522-20

STROCCHIA ADVISED CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY GUARD WILLIAM ELLIS, FOUR FIVE FIVE FOUR SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, HEARD GUNFIRE AT ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES AND OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY SIX YOUTHS ON GROUND RETURNING GUNFIRE INTO UPPER STORIES OF BUILDING LOCATED FIFTY TWO FORTY SEVEN SOUTH STATE, CHICAGO. RIFLE, SHOTGUN AND PISTOL FIRE INVOLVED.

YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS JOHN L. HENRY, M/N, DOB TEN TWENTYFIVE.

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Rosen + W. [unclear]

157-9522 (Rangers)

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FOURTYSEVEN, FIFTY SIX FIFTY SIX SOUTH PRINCETON OBSERVED BY ELLIS COMING OUT OF BUILDING WITH GUN IN HAND. HENRY FIRED FOUR SHOTS AT ELLIS, WHO RETURNED FIRE WOUNDING HENRY IN RIGHT SHOULDER. ELLIS UNINJURED.

CHICAGO PD ARRIVED ON SCENE AND YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM A.

MARTIN, M/N, DOB NINE TWENTYNINE, FOURTYNINE, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN
FEDERAL, APT. ONE FIVE ZERO NINE, SHOT IN LEFT THIGH.

JEROME COGWELL, M/N, DOB THREE TWENTYEOUR, FOURTYNINE, FIVE
TWO FIVE SIX SOUTH PRINCETON, LATER FOUND AT SCENE WITH BULLET WOUND
IN HEAD. COGWELL'S ASSAILANT UNKNOWN. ALL OTHER YOUTHS ESCAPED.

MARTIN AND HENRY TAKEN TO PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY JAIL HOSPITAL, IN GOOD CONDITION. COGWELL IN SURGERY AT BILLINGS HOSPITAL AND NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. STROCCHIA ADVISED COGWELL ONE OF LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND THAT NUMBER TWO MAN IN RANGERS. JEFF FORT, REPORTEDLY AT HOSPITAL DEMANDING PROPER TREATMENT FOR COGWELL. THIRTY FIVE - FIFTY NEGROS CAME TO HOSPITAL, ENGAGED IN CHANTS, AND DISPERSED. AREA NOW QUIET BUT CHICAGO PD FOLLOWING WITH VIEW TOWARD NEW OUTBREAK OF TEENAGE GANG WARFARE.
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MARTIN AND HENRY UNIDENTIFIABLE CHICAGO INDICES, HOWEVER CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING COGWELL'S ASSOCIATION WITH BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SOURCES ASSIGNED. CLOSE LAISON WITH CHICAGO PD MAINTAINED.

MILITARY ADVISED. USA AND SECRET SERVICE BEING FURNISHED COPY OF FOLLOWING LHM.

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SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Enclosed for the Bureau and other offices are copies of LHM reflecting information furnished concerning captioned organization by PARKER LEE JACKSON (PROTECT IDENTITY) who is of unknown reliability.

On 8/29/68, ALEX AINSLEY, Detective, Montgomery Police Department, advised that he had interviewed a Negro male, PARKER LEE JACKSON, at Montgomery County, Alabama, Jail, in connection with a series of strong armed robberies of taxi cabs in the Montgomery, Ala., area. AINSLEY advised that JACKSON advised him he was residing locally with his grandfather, Rev. BOBBIE JACKSON, 316 Troy St., Montgomery, but that he had resided in Chicago, Ill., and was a member of the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro group in that area.

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This same date, JACKSON was interviewed by SAs of the Mobile Division and he furnished the information contained on the LHM. JACKSON advised that he did not wish his name disclosed as the Blackstone Rangers at the present time are only located in the Chicago area and disclosure would mean certain death to him.

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JACKSON advised that he and another member of the Blackstone Rangers, BENNIE BURTON, were arrested in Montgomery in connection with the robberies of taxi cab operators. JACKSON advised he believes BURTON is wanted by the Chicago Police but did not know for what charge. JACKSON advised that BURTON was being held at the Montgomery City Jail on a similar charge, but that BURTON was not likely to furnish any information concerning the Blackstone Rangers. JACKSON advised that his reason for furnishing the information was that he did not like to see people get hurt.

Montgomery County Jail records reflect the following description of JACKSON:

Name	PARKER LEE JACKSON
Address	316 Troy Street, Montgomery
DOB	6/10/52
POB	Montgomery, Ala.
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5'11"
Weight	152 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Brickmason
Relatives	Mother - MARY JACKSON deceased Father - BERNARD JACKSON Chicago, Ill., specific address unknown as he has recently moved. Brother - BUFORD JACKSON 5337 S. Preston St., Chicago Ill., Sister - VIRGINIA JACKSON STURDIVANT, address with father. Sister - SHIRLEY JACKSON address - with father Sister - BARBARA JACKSON, 316 Troy St., Montgomery,

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Grandfather - Rev.
BOBBIE JACKSON, 316
Troy St., Montgomery.

Montgomery PD records furnished by the Identification Division on 8/30/68 reflect the following information concerning BURTON:

Name	BENNIE BURTON
Address	314 Auburn St., Montgomery, Ala.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	170 lbs.
DOB	4/5/45
POB	Montgomery, Ala.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Stocky
FBI #	884 129E
Father	EARLIE BURTON - PO Box 65 Cecil, Ala.
Occupation	Cook - Holiday Inn, Southwest, Montgomery

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION. Will furnish information contained on LHM to interested agencies in that area and furnish Mobile Division information concerning Blackstone Rangers.

Will further contact Chicago PD concerning BURTON and PARKER to determine if they are wanted by that agency.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION at Peoria, Illinois. Will furnish information contained on LHM to interested agencies in that area.

MOBILE at Montgomery, Alabama. Will attempt to obtain further additional background re JACKSON and BURTON.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
September 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 29, 1968, source of unknown reliability informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the existence of the Blackstone Rangers in Chicago, Illinois, and that this group is composed of 5,679 members headed by a Negro male by the name of JEFF FORT, age 17, residing 6347 Blackstone Street, Chicago, Illinois. Source advised that he has been a member of this group for about 2 years and that the entire group lives in the area residing in the Cermack District of Chicago. B. APPROX

He advised that the headquarters for the Blackstone Rangers is located in a church at the corner of 63rd and State Street and this church was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Government and that the white preacher or priest who testified had lied about there being guns, ammunition and other weapons in the church. Source advised that the weapons are contained in a vault underneath the front steps of the church and that they are located in a vault which only the priest and JEFF FORT are able to open. Source advised that the vault contains at least 25 rifles and 50 pistols and ammunition for each and that there are grenades and other weapons and that most of these have been stolen from pawn shops throughout the Chicago area.

Source advised that the Rangers consist of a number of smaller groups which meet every night of the week except Sunday and that each group is headed up by a President who maintains the records and the smaller groups number in size anywhere from 200 and up. The source advised that all the groups use the church as their meeting place and that the purpose of the group is to fight the white people. Source advised that two scheduled acts of violence are to take place, one in the Cermack District of Chicago during the month of September in that they are going to burn a large portion of the

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Cermack District, but advised that no certain date has been set, that this will occur during the month of September. Source further advised that a second occurrence is supposed to take place in Peoria, Illinois, during the month of October and that certain sections of Peoria will be burned down. Source advised that only JEFF FORT would know the dates that this was to take place as he will pick the date.

Source advised that the Rangers receive their backing from money put up by the Federal Government to equip and open barber shops, dance halls, ice cream parlors and restaurants in the Cermack District and that the proceeds are turned over to the Blackstone Rangers. Source advised that these establishments were opened by the Government to provide jobs for the unemployed in the area and that he believes the white priests have been instrumental in obtaining the Federal funds.

Source advised that a Negro singer by the name of OSCAR BROWN, JR., well known to the teenage set, also sponsors the Blackstone Rangers and that he will personally charter buses for any excursion that the Rangers plan. Source furnished the following names of members of the Blackstone Rangers whom he could recall. He advised that he only knows some by nicknames and does not know where they all reside. He advised that they all live in the Cermack area and that members of the group are:

EUGENE HARRIS - address unknown
JAMES BUTLER - residing near 18th and Trimbald Streets
in Chicago
OLLIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) - who resides 1437 Trimbald
Street
WATE, who resides at 3030 Trimbald Street,
SYLVESTER STRONG, who resides near 14th and Holman
Streets in Chicago,
ELMER STRONG, same address,
WILLIE FLOWERS, residing near 13th and Drake Streets.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following members are known only by their nicknames as ~~ANGEL WATUSI~~, ~~BLACK-BOY~~, ~~HURK~~.

The source advised that the vault in the church at 63rd and State is located under the front entrance and that you get there by taking the stairs on the right and go to the basement and that the vault is located under the steps.

Source advised he knows of no other groups that are started in other sections of the country but thinks some attempt might have been started to form groups in Detroit, Michigan, however, he could not verify this. He further advised that the reason for going to Peoria in October was that MARTIN LUTHER KING was supposed to have a march there which had never come off and that the Blackstone Rangers are going to go there and finish the job. He advised that if and when they go to Peoria that in all probability OSCAR BROWN, JR. will charter the buses and make all the arrangements for the group to travel.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/29/68

Attached relates to Chicago youth gang activity and indicates the peace between two rival gangs has been broken.

Local police, military, and Secret Service cognizant. Copy of attached has been furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General, Secret Service, and Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division being advised at headquarters level.

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Mr. Trotter	
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P) (157-1148) (P) 2P

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILL., AUG., SIXTYEIGHT.

RACIAL MATTER

RM. 00: CHICAGO.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM. 00: CHICAGO.

B. APPROX. 11:30

Police Department

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED. INSTANT GEORGE THOMAS, NEGRO

MALE, AGE FIFTEEN, ARRESTED INSTANT BY CHICAGO PD FOR SHOP-LIFTING. UPON INTERVIEW, THOMAS ADVISED HE WOULD FURNISH INFO RE LARGE CACHE OF GUNS SEEN BY HIM.

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THOMAS STATED AUG. TWENTYFIVE, LAST, HE VIEWED GUNS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIXTYFOUR HUNDRED S. KIMBARK AVE.

SOURCE ADVISED ABOVE CHURCH MEETING PLACE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, LARGE NEGRO YOUTH GANG OPERATING CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE.

GANG RECENTLY RECEIVED NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY DURING SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS HEADED BY SENATOR MC CLELLAN.

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SOURCE ADVISED THOMAS CLAIMED JEFF FORT, LEADER, BLACKSTONE RANGERS, AT MEETING HELD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON AUG. TWENTYFIVE, LAST, EXHIBITED BOX OF RIFLES AND THIRTYEIGHT

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CALIBER PISTOLS. ACCORDING TO THOMAS, FORT STATED RANGERS WERE GOING TO MAKE WAR ON DISCIPLES, RIVAL NEGRO YOUTH GANG ALSO ACTIVE CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE. FORT INDICATED TO GROUP PRESENT ANYONE WANTING TO COULD TRADE SHOTGUNS FOR HANDGUNS. THOMAS ADVISED PD SOURCE DISCIPLES ALLEGEDLY HAD BROKEN PEACE TREATY WITH RANGERS. ACCORDING TO THOMAS, THIS WAS NOT BIG RANGER NATION MEETING.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS ^{CHICAGO} CPD, GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT. PD CONTINUING INVESTIGATION. MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA ^{ATTORNEY} ADVISED. NO IDENTIFIABLE REFS CG INDICES RE THOMAS. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. ^{MEMO} LHM FOLLOWS. ^{Alcohol & Tobacco Tax} ~~ATTN~~ ADVISED. ^{DIVISION}

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Date: 8/22/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (175-New) (RUC)

GEORGE L. ROSE, aka *III*
"Watusi"
RM;
THREAT TO LIFE JEFF FORT;
UNSUBS;
LONNIE KING - COMPLAINANT;
CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(OO:CG)

Re Chicago teletype 8/18/68 to Bureau, WFO and Minneapolis.

On 8/18/68, DONALD F. O'DONNELL, Chief Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, United States Senate, was telephonically advised by WFO of information contained in re teletype that GEORGE L. ROSE, aka "Watusi," had been marked for assassination by the Blackstone Rangers. Mr. O'DONNELL recalled ROSE had recently testified before his Subcommittee in regard to Blackstone Ranger activities in Chicago. He understood the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department had maintained ROSE in a safekeeping status during the time of these hearings.

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S. Johnson
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On 8/19/68, SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., contacted O'DONNELL at the United States Senate and was advised by him that his records indicated ROSE had been released from safe-keeping, Chicago Police Department, following the above-mentioned subcommittee hearings at Chicago. He said his records contained no indication as to ROSE's present whereabouts.

For information of Bureau, Chicago, and Minneapolis, O'DONNELL advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., sources of his subcommittee recently advised Senator JOHN L. MC CLELLAN (Arkansas), Chairman of the Subcommittee, had been marked for assassination by the Blackstone Rangers should he appear at the forthcoming Democratic Convention in Chicago commencing on 8/26/68.

O'DONNELL said that Senator MC CLELLAN has no present plans to attend this convention. O'DONNELL advised he had notified Secret Service and the White House on 8/19/68 concerning the threat against the life of Senator MC CLELLAN.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/21/68

The Blackstone Rangers is a Chicago Negro youth gang. Mayor Daley's office has been advised. Information furnished to the Inter-Department Information Unit of the Department and the Attorney General.

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TO DIRECTOR

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

BLACKSTONE RANGERS. RM. 00: CHICAGO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, REVEREND NEWMAN L. POLK, PASTER, GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH, FIVE ONE TWO ONE SOUTH STATE, CHICAGO, ILL., WHO ALSO IS A PRIVATE CAB DRIVER, STATED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO HE PICKED UP THREE MALES WHO HE BELIEVED WERE MEMBERS OF THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, A CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE NEGRO YOUTH GANG, WHO INDICATED THEY HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CHICAGO COUNTY JAIL JULY SIX, LAST. THEY STATED MR. DALEY (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO MAYOR OF CHICAGO RICHARD J. DALEY) WAS GOING TO "GET IT". NEWMAN STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, COMMENTING THEY WERE JUST FARES.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS SA CARL V. MASON.

SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY, USA, CHICAGO PD, MAYOR

RICHARD J. DALEY'S OFFICE ADVISED.

CHICAGO INDICES CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA RE POLK.

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Remytel dated 8/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned matter.

A copy of this communication is being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source referred to in LHM is SA CARL V. MASON.

Chicago is following and Bureau will be advised of any pertinent data.

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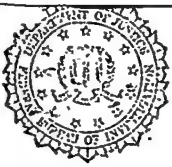
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 21, 1968

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

On August 20, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Newman L. Polk, Pastor, Greater Harvest Baptist Church, 5121 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, who is also a private cab driver, related that approximately one month ago he had three male passengers whom he believed were members of the Blackstone Rangers, a South Side Negro youth gang. Reverend Polk, according to source, stated that these three Negro youths indicated they had been released from the Cook County Jail on July 6, 1968, and during their conversation stated that Mr. Daley (apparently referring to the Mayor of Chicago Richard J. Daley) was "going to get it." The source advised that Reverend Polk did not know the identity of these individuals, commenting that they were merely fares. JL

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service,
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military
Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

Above information was furnished orally on receipt to the Chicago Police Department and to the Office of Mayor Richard J. Daley.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-2410)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM, dated 8/14/68; and Chicago teletype, dated 8/14/68, entitled "BLACKSTONE RANGERS".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

First source in attached LHM is Sergeant GARLAND DAVIS, Gang Intelligence, Chicago PD,

Second source utilized in LHM is EARL DOTY, CS-R in the Chicago Office, Head of Youth Action, who periodically talks with JEFF FORT. It should be noted that DOTY is to be on the Steering Committee of the Community Renewal Society mentioned in the attached LHM.

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Chicago will continue to follow Blackstone Rangers activity; and keep the Bureau advised of any plans which this organization may have in connection with the Democratic Convention.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-1148
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Undersheriff Bernard Carey, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised on August 14, 1968, that Eugene Hairston, one of the top leaders of the Blackstone Rangers, a large Negro youth gang, active on Chicago's south side, was on this date, sentenced to three concurrent terms of five to fifteen years on charges of solicitation to commit murder. Undersheriff Carey advised that an appeal bond for Hairston was denied by the court and Hairston was transported to the Illinois State Penitentiary on this date.

A source which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area regarding youth gangs advised on August 15, 1968, that no information has come to their attention which indicates that the Blackstone Rangers plan any disturbances or violence, protesting the severe sentence that one of their leaders received on August 14, 1968 in Chicago. A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 14, 1968, and August 15, 1968, that there is no indication that the Blackstone Rangers will resort to violence or attempt to cause any trouble over the sentence received by Eugene Hairston.

This source also advised that a Community Renewal Society is being formed to work in the Kenwood-Oakland area on Chicago's south side, instant area considered to be a ghetto area. Source stated that this organization will supposedly receive approximately 3.6 million dollars from the

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Ford Foundation and other religious groups. Instant fund to help upgrade education, upgrade housing and recreational facilities in the area. Funds will also be used to start small businesses and bring the quality of goods used by merchants up to normal standards. Source also stated that the program, which will take three to five years to complete, will have two area youth directors, one of which will be David Barksdale, the other being Jeff Fort.

Jeff Fort, who will probably be the Number 1 leader of the Blackstone Rangers now that Hairston is in the Penitentiary, will be responsible for the area south of 43rd Street in the Kenwood-Oakland area in connection with this program. David Barksdale, leader of the Disciples, another large Negro youth gang on Chicago's south side, will be the director for the above program in the area north of 43rd Street. It should be noted that the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples signed a peace treaty several months ago in which they agreed to terminate the fighting between their respective gangs. LH

Both of the above sources advised that they have no concrete information (other than rumor) that the Blackstone Rangers plan to create disturbances which can lead to disruptive measures during the coming National Democratic Convention.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ⁽¹⁰⁾ BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 8/12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. One copy each is being furnished to USA, and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The first source utilized is CG 6732-C.
 The second source utilized is Youth Gang Intelligence, Chicago Police Department. The third source utilized is EARL DOTY, a CS-R in the Chicago Office who talked with JEFF FORT on Monday night 8/12/68. When DOTY asked FORT if the Blackstone Rangers were planning any violence, disturbance or trouble for the Convention, FORT answered "hell no" I am in enough trouble already.

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will contact logical state agencies in an effort to ascertain if the Blackstone Rangers youth organization is incorporated and furnish all pertinent details to the Chicago Office.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 14, 1968

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RACIAL MATTERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated August 12, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers are using a poolroom located one block east of Stony Island Avenue as a new headquarters or hangout. Source stated that the Blackstone Rangers have an extreme hatred for the white businessmen in the area and he feels this will be the location of future riots in an effort to drive the whites from the neighborhood. Source was unable to identify any of the Blackstone Rangers who might be involved in planning any disturbance, nor did he have any idea when the trouble might start.

Source also advised that he had received information that the Blackstone Rangers have approached individuals in the criminal element on the south side and have attempted to extort money from them through threats. Some of these individuals threatened are in the policy racket.

A second source, who collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, furnished to the Chicago

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in late July, 1968, a letter sent out by the Blackstone Rangers to the merchants in the Woodlawn Area. This letter, four paragraphs in length, addressed to businessmen of the Woodlawn, South Shore, Englewood and Hyde Park area, was more or less a proposal which indicated that a better relationship should exist between the Blackstone Rangers and the community. This letter also stated that the members wanted to clear their name of the act of extortion and other blasphemous acts which have been done by others using their name. The letter also states that a committee made up of Blackstone Rangers should act as sort of a police patrol in the area mentioned above and will work with the police department in cases involving extortion and false representation. This letter did not ask for payment for service but any donations to this worthy cause would gladly be appreciated. Instant letter carries the following signature at the bottom:

"Blackstone Rangers
Youth Organization, Inc."

It should be noted that the Blackstone Rangers are a large Negro teenage gang on Chicago's south side who have been brought to the public eye in recent weeks through Senate investigations of OEO funds.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1968, that Jeff Forte has indicated that the Blackstone Rangers

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have no intentions of causing any disturbances or incidents during the National Convention. This third source also stated that at this time he has no information that other Negro youth gangs in the Chicago area are planning demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in late August, 1968.

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Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

FBI

Date: 8/15/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-2410) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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Re Chicago teletypes to the Director, dated 8/14/68, entitled "DEMCON".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM, suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM are being furnished the USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

LONNIE KING was interviewed by the Secret Service, with a Bureau agent observing. KING was given polygraph examination on 8/10/68 and 8/14/68, both by the Chicago PD. Polygraph evaluation made by Captain GEHR, Chicago PD polygraph expert. Chicago PD source is ROBERT SANFORD, Administrative Assistant to Commander GRIFFIN, 3rd Police District.

- ④ - Bureau (Encls. 12)
- 5 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-44263) (DEMCON)
 - (1 - 175-NEW)
 - (1 - 157-3241) (LONNIE KING)

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KING is a member of the Double Six King Cobra youth gang which is one of the gangs alleged to have formed coalition with Blackstone Rangers. KING presently confined Cook County Jail, charged with murder. Chicago indices contain no pertinent information. KING's Federal Bureau of Investigation Number is 564 640 F.



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Chicago, Illinois

August 15, 1968

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AUGUST, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum dated August 12, 1968, captioned as above.

Ill
Lonnie King was interviewed on August 13, 1968, and reiterated statements as set forth in referenced memorandum regarding statements allegedly made by Jeff Fort, leader of the Blackstone Rangers, on August 1, 1968, to the effect that they should try to shoot Vice President Humphrey and Senator Eugene McCarthy, while other gang members attacked certain police districts with guns and hand grenades. King listed the following police districts as those to be hit:

7th District - 6120 South Racine Avenue
3rd District - 834 East 75th Street
6th District - 819 West 85th Street
2nd District - 4802 South Wabash Avenue
Area 3 - 3900 South California
Area 1 - 756 East 56th Place

Previous information received that the rifle recovered by the police at the home of a gang member was one of those displayed by Fort during gang meeting of August 1, 1968. King advised that this information was incorrect and that this rifle is not associated with those shown by Fort.

King was given two polygraph tests by the Chicago Police Department, both of which were inconclusive per an evaluation made this date.

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According to a Police Department source, the Blackstone Rangers did not hold a meeting on August 1, 1968, but did have one on August 3, 1968. Police sources who were present did not report the aforementioned statements attributed to Fort, nor did they report Fort's presence at the meeting. Attempts were being made to recontact these sources and to question them specifically on these points.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished the following agencies:

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Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO

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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Tele. Room	_____
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS. RM. 00: CHICAGO. CG ONE FIVE

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST, NINETEEN

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UNDERSHERIFF BERNARD CAREY, COOK COUNTY, ADVISED INSTANT
EUGENE HAIRSTON, ONE OF TOP LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS,
LARGE NEGRO YOUTH GANG ACTIVE IN CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, TODAY
WAS SENTENCED TO THREE CONCURRENT TERMS OF FIVE TO FIFTEEN
YEARS ON CHARGES OF SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER. APPEAL
BOND FOR HAIRSTON DENIED BY COURT AND HAIRSTON TRANSPORTED TO
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY THIS DATE.

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS
ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE PRINCIPALLY RELATING
TO RIVAL YOUTH GANGS IN THAT AREA.

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CHICAGO SOURCES, CONTACTED THIS DATE, RELATIVE TO THIS
MATTER, ADVISED HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OF ANY PLANNED
VIOLENT RE-ACTION TO SENTENCING OF HAIRSTON.

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MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE AND USA ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING,
AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ONLY IF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS
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Date: 8/12/68

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-2410) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

CC: CHICAGO

DEMCON

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletype to Director, dated 8/10/68, entitled "DEMCON."
Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

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First source utilized is JAMES WILLIAMS, male Negro, age 43, who resides at the DeGrace Hotel, 1547 East 67th Place, Chicago, Illinois, who claims he is acquainted with top leaders of the Blackstone Rangers and has been in attendance at Blackstone Rangers meetings, held at the First Presbyterian Church, where Reverend JOHN FRY has been in attendance. Second source utilized is Intelligence Division, Chicago PD. Third source utilized is EARL DOTY, a CS-R in the Chicago Office.

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. 12)
- 1 - Chicago
- (1 - 157-2410)
- (1 - 157-413)
- (1 - 157-2158) (REV. JOHN FRY)
- (1 - 157-1629) (JEFF FORT)
- (1 - 157-2090) (EUGENE HAIRSTON)
- (1 - 157-2690) (MALCOM X BLACK HAND SOCIETY OF THE WORLD, INC.)

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WILLIAMS advised that the Blackstone Rangers received a shipment of weapons on 7/29/68 at night, at which time he acted as a lookout. He stated that these weapons were allegedly delivered in a truck belonging to the Fairfax Clothing Company, and were unloaded in the rear of his residence, 6733 Stony Island.

Chicago indices reflect several references indicating MC CHRISTIAN and BEY are members of the Blackstone Rangers. Chicago indices negative re KING.

The following is a description of WILLIAMS obtained through observation during interview:

Name	JAMES WILLIAMS
Sex	Male (admitted homosexual)
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	9/24/24
Place of Birth	Rossville, Tennessee
Height	5' 10"
Weight	178 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Peculiarities	Amputated first joint, left index finger
Social Security Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">JFK Act 6 (3)</div>
Military Service	None

The Chicago Office is continuing contacts with WILLIAMS to further develop this information, evaluate same, and also to ascertain his informant potential.

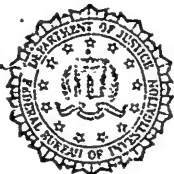
WILLIAMS stated, when interviewed on 8/1/68, that he enjoys the close confidence of HAIRSTON and FORT, as well as other members of the Rangers, is able to attend meetings of this group, and is able to learn what transpires in the meetings he does not attend. WILLIAMS also claims that he is in need of money and would be willing to attend Ranger meetings and furnish information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a confidential basis for financial consideration and because of his desire to prevent destruction in the black neighborhoods during the upcoming National Democratic Convention.

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Other sources in the Chicago Division acquainted with the Blackstone Rangers' activities are being directed to ascertain if the Rangers plan any violence during the coming Democratic Convention.

Chicago attempting to determine if Black Hand Society mentioned in attached LHM is identical to Malcom X Black Hand Society.

Chicago Office will attempt to interview LONNIE KING in effort to obtain additional information regarding Blackstone Rangers' plans for coming Democratic Convention.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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157-2410

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AT NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (NDC)
AUGUST, 1968

A source, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, but who claims to be in a position and acquainted with activities of the Blackstone Rangers, advised during recent contacts as follows:

He has attended meetings in the past few weeks, these meetings being conducted by Eugene Hairston, and Jeff Fort, top 1 leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. These meetings being called for the purpose of formulating plans to start a riot in, as yet undetermined, Negro neighborhoods during the coming Democratic Convention. According to source, the "Blackstone Rangers are mad at Mayor Daley" and are peeved at the recent Senate hearings which resulted in their (Blackstone Rangers) being cut off from Government funds. (It should be noted that most of the "Main 21" leaders of the Blackstone Rangers were on the payroll of The Woodlawn Organization (TWO), which was funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), such operations recently investigated by the McClellan Committee. TWO is an organization set up in the Woodlawn area on Chicago's south side to improve living conditions in the community.

Source stated that since the termination of TWO's program, the Blackstone Rangers' only source of income comes from the sale of narcotics. Along this line, source advised that the Rangers do not use heroin, but are known to smoke marijuana. According to the source, if the Rangers are instrumental in starting a riot,

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it is planned to get sufficient publicity with which to gain recognition. Source stated that at a meeting held in late July, 1968, an individual by the name of Joe (last name unknown), who supposedly represented an unknown "Black Power Group", called upon the Rangers for their assistance in disrupting Chicago during the forthcoming convention. Source advised that at a meeting also held late in July, members of the Rangers stated that the ~~"Black Hand Society"~~ was providing funds and manpower to assist the Rangers in demonstrating their displeasure with the United States Senate for cutting off the TWO's funds by "tearing up" Chicago during the convention.

Source also advised that Blackstone Rangers supposedly received a shipment of weapons sometime in the latter part of July, 1968.

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Source advised that some members of the Rangers are leaning toward "Black Power" groups and that Andrew R. McChristian and Edward Bey are next in line to take over leadership of the Blackstone Rangers, if Jeff Fort and Eugene Hairston, both now out on bond, go to jail.

According to source, the Blackstone Rangers appear to be falling apart as a club or group, and certain members are leaning toward "Black Power". Source also advised that Jeff Fort is almost completely inactive at the present time and Hairston is preoccupied with his possible jail sentence on a charge in state court for solicitation for murder.

A second source, who collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on August 10, 1968, that Lonnie King, male Negro, age 18 years, being held in custody for murder, made available information which reflects that a coalition of south side gangs is taking effect, one of which is the Blackstone Rangers. This source advised that King advised that these gangs have drawn up plans for disruptive tactics during the Democratic Convention. According to this source, King stated that on August 1, 1968, the gangs met at a church, located on the south side, at which time Jeff Fort, one of the Blackstone Rangers' leaders, displayed numerous rifles, revolvers and hand grenades, which he intends to use to attack various police districts on the first day of the convention.

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According to the Police Department source, King took police to the home of another youth where a rifle, described by the police as a Springfield 30.06, was confiscated. This rifle, according to King, was one of the guns Fort had in his possession.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he has no information at this time that the Blackstone Rangers have any plans to create disturbances at the coming Democratic Convention.

This source also advised that McChristian and Bey mentioned above are part of the "Main 21" of the Blackstone Rangers.

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Date: 7/29/68

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RM

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago teletype, dated 7/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), dated and entitled as above.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been disseminated locally to the USA, NDI, Chicago, Illinois; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The source referred to in enclosed LHM is CG 6226-C.

Chicago sources remain assigned and the Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments.

Information furnished by the above source was furnished to the Chicago Police Department on 7/27/68.

E. Johnson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

BLACKSTONE RANGERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source of the Chicago Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised July 27, 1968, that an unknown number of the Blackstone Rangers, a prominent Negro youth gang operating on Chicago's South side, purchased approximately five pounds of gun powder from Chuck's Gun Shop, 1431 South Indiana Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois, a suburb on Chicago's south side. Source stated the purchase of this gun powder was not unusual due to many persons making their own reloads.

Source further advised the Blackstone Rangers and a rival Negro youth gang, the Disciples, who also operate on Chicago's South side, plan to assemble between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, July 27, 1968, on the midway plaisance, for a "show of strength." The midway plaisance is a broad avenue on which a park approximately 125 yards wide serves as an island separating two-way traffic.

Sergeant Davis, Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised July 29, 1968, approximately 300 Negro youths representing the Blackstone Rangers and the Disciples assembled at approximately 5:20 PM, July 27, 1968, at 59th Street, and Harper Avenue, Chicago. These youths departed in small groups at approximately 6:40 PM, July 27, 1968, without incident or arrests.

The above information has been disseminated to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago.

United States Secret Service, Chicago

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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114PM URGENT 7-27-68 DJS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1148) (P) 2P

BLACKSTONE RANGERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM. 00: CHICAGO

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT,
UNKNOWN MEMBER OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, PROMINENT CHICAGO NEGRO
YOUTH GANG, PURCHASED QUANTITY, APPROXIMATELY FIVE POUNDS,
GUNPOWDER FROM CHUCK'S GUN SHOP, ONE FOUR THREE ONE ZERO SOUTH
INDIANA AVENUE, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS, SUBURB ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH
SIDE. PURCHASE OF GUNPOWDER NOT UNUSUAL DUE TO MANY PERSONS
MAKING OWN RELOADS.

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SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND DISCIPLES,
RIVAL NEGRO YOUTH GANG, PLAN TO ASSEMBLE BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR
PM INSTANT ON MIDWAY PLAISANCE, LOCATED ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE,
AS "SHOW OF STRENGTH". NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED. GROUP EXPECTED
TO NUMBER IN HUNDREDS. MIDWAY PLAISANCE IS BROAD AVENUE ON WHICH
PARK APPROXIMATELY ONE TWENTY FIVE YARDS WIDE EXTENDS ALONG
LENGTH OF STREET, SEPARATING TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

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APPROPRIATE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT UNITS ADVISED OF ABOVE
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CHICAGO SOURCE IS CG SIX TWO TWO SIX - C (RELIABLE).

CHICAGO SOURCES ASSIGNED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF
ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. USA, SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY
ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/23/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (157-1629)

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

JEFF FORT
RM

Inasmuch as there is the possibility that the Senate Subcommittee could cite MARSHALL PATNER who represented JEFF FORT at recent hearings, the following information located in Chicago files is being furnished to the Bureau:

An article appearing in the "Roosevelt Torch," a local newspaper which is published at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 27, 1965, reflects a "free" school to open in Chicago. This school was to open September 29, 1965, at the Warren Avenue Congregational Church, 3101 West Warren Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with MARSHALL PATNER scheduled to speak on "Your Civil Liberties - Constitutional Rights of the Individual." Information located in Chicago File 100-21046 reflects that LAURA RAE ATKINSON was a member of New Era Club of the San Francisco CP during May of 1949. Instant file reflects that ATKINSON, also known as LAURA BLOUGH, was to be represented by MARSHALL PATNER during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings on May 27, 1965, in Chicago in connection with the Senate Committee's investigation of Dr. JEREMIAH STANLER, YOLANDA HALL, and MILTON COHEN.

A newspaper article appearing in the "Chicago American," a daily Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, dated July 10, 1968, reflects that PATNER told the "Chicago American" that he would continue to insist that he be allowed to cross-examine witnesses who have made allegations against JEFF FORT before advising the gang leader to testify. Instant article also reflects that PATNER began handling cases of Blackstone Rangers charged with criminal offenses while a volunteer legal worker for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club where he struck up a friendship with CHARLES LAPAGLIA, a youth counselor who has worked with the Blackstone Rangers. It should be noted that LAPAGLIA, an associate of Reverend JOHN FRY, testified at the Senate hearings also.

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According to the article, PATNER stated that he has handled about 30 cases in the past two years or so and has been paid on occasions.

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Instant article reflects that ~~PATNER~~, a 1957 graduate of the University of Chicago, is 37 years old and is associated with the law firm of Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock, McDugald and Parsons at 122 South Michigan Avenue.

Instant article also reflects that PATNER once served as the administrative assistant to Alderman LEON DESPRES, 5th Ward, claiming that FORT and the Rangers have generally had a good influence on the South Side neighborhood. According to PATNER, the above firm has been given funds by an unidentified source to handle court cases involving the Rangers.

7-23-68

1 - Field Guidance Folder
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To: SAC, Chicago (157-1258)

From: Director, FBI (157-6-9)

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RACIAL MATTERS

The youth gang problem in your area is acute. It is difficult to say whether youth gangs such as the Blackstone Rangers or the Disciples are interested in racial militancy or merely exploiting the racial situation for the impetus it gives their programs of extortion in the ghettos. The Bureau feels that this area of your work needs further in-depth probing to determine the youth gangs' involvement in racial matters.

Accordingly, if you have not already done so, you should open cases on youth gangs in your area such as those mentioned above as well as their leaders to resolve the extent that these gangs and their leaders may be involved in racial militancy. These investigations should receive your prompt attention and the results should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

- 1 - (157-6187) Blackstone Rangers
- 1 - Disciples

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NOTE:

We have received voluminous information concerning youth gang violence in the Chicago area but yet to determine whether or not their activity, which is essentially criminal, is actually connected with racial militancy. It is felt that additional probing into this area is necessary in an attempt to resolve this question.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1148) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Director dated 7/10/68,
captioned as above; Philadelphia telcall to Chicago 7/10/68;
and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 7/12/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a
letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished USA, Secret
Service, Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th MI Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

First source utilized in attached LHM is LEON WEST,
a confidential source - racial in Chicago.

Second source utilized is EARL DOTY, a confidential
source - racial in Chicago who is head of Youth Action which
deals and works with youth gangs including the Blackstone
Rangers in the Chicago area.

Chicago Police Department source is Gang Intelligence.

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Chicago will continue to follow the activities on the part of the Blackstone Rangers and keep the Bureau advised.

Copies of the attached LHM are being furnished for information in view of leads set out in referenced Chicago teletype to the Bureau.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
July 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1148

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 12, 1968, that the Blackstone Rangers will make a fund raising tour of certain large cities on the East Coast. Source stated it is possible that the Rangers' musical group will also make this visit in an effort to raise funds for the Blackstone Rangers.

A second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on July 12, 1968, that some members of the Blackstone Rangers are supposedly going to make a trip to the East Coast in an effort to raise funds for the Blackstone Rangers organization. This source also advised that probably the musical group known as "Opportunity Knocks" will be part of this fund raising group.

A third source, which collects intelligence type information in the Chicago area, advised on July 12, 1968, that information has come to them which indicates that some of the Rangers' leaders will accompany the musical group mentioned above on a fund raising tour to the East Coast. This source also advised that the group will probably also visit Harlem located in New York City inasmuch as they made a similar fund raising trip in 1967 which included Harlem. This source also advised that rumor has it that Eugene (Bull) Hairston, recognized as leader of the Blackstone Rangers, would be unavailable Monday and Tuesday, July 15 and 16, 1968, which would indicate that he may accompany instant group on their fund raising tour. It should be noted that Hairston recently was convicted on a charge of solicitation to commit murder and is presently free on \$15,000 bond. It should be noted also that Hairston will be sentenced on July 18, 1968.

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RE: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

All of the sources mentioned above advised there is no indication that the Blackstone Rangers will engage in any activities while on this fund raising tour which could cause violence.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois; United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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To: SACs Chicago (157-1258)
Springfield

From: Director, FBI

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE CHICAGO,
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Referenced Chicago teletype reports that the Director of the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department advised that Negro officers of this squad recently spent four days in vicinity of St. Anne, Illinois, in an effort to resolve an allegation that Blackstone Rangers or black militants were utilizing a farm in that area for the purpose of conducting para-military training. This investigation failed to substantiate any such activity but was scheduled to continue in Kankakee County, Illinois. According to this Chicago Police source, Sheriff Nelson of Kankakee County stated on 6/21 that Blackstone Rangers have weapons and dynamite stored in this county but refused to divulge the basis for this belief.

Springfield by referenced teletype dated 6/25/68 reported that according to Sheriff Elmer Nelson three Negro Chicago police officers contacted him on 6/18/68. These officers stated they had infiltrated the Blackstone Rangers and they learned that Blackstone Rangers had purchased firearms in the vicinity of St. Anne, Illinois, and had stored some weapons and ammunition in Kankakee County.

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Sheriff Nelson stated that he thereafter assigned a Negro deputy sheriff to work with the Chicago officers. This deputy sheriff did work with the Chicago officers on 6/18, 6/22, and 6/23, without substantiating any of the above information.

It should be further noted that SI 1543-C advised that in early 4/68, Blackstone Rangers had taken part in firearms training on several occasions in Kankakee County.

Chicago should determine the nature of the information possessed by the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department which prompted the sending of three officers to Kankakee County. It should be noted that this investigation might have been predicated on information received from SI 1543-C and thereafter disseminated.

Chicago, upon completion of the above inquiry, should submit pertinent details concerning the above material in a form suitable for dissemination. Careful consideration should be given to proper phraseology in order to fully protect the investigation being conducted by the Chicago Police and the Kankakee Sheriff's Office.

Springfield should continue to maintain liaison with Sheriff Nelson of Kankakee County and contact with SI 1543-C. The Bureau and Chicago should be kept promptly advised of developments by the Springfield Office.

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SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
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Remytel, 6/29/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM captioned as above.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to USA, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago indices negative re RICHARD WASHINGTON. Chicago indices reflect that LEON YOUNG, date of birth 10/20/48 of 6260 Stony Island is believed to be identical with individual arrested as set out in attached LHM, Arrested 10/11/66 by Chicago PD in connection with disturbance involving Negro youths and described as member Blackstone Rangers at that time. Chicago indices also reflect that WILLIAM B. WALLS, Negro male, date of birth 9/14/42, believed to be identical with individual arrested as set out in attached LHM, Address listed as 6262 South Stony Island was arrested by the Chicago PD 7/8/66 for street fighting.

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Source utilized in LHM is EARL DOTY a CS - R in the Chicago Office who is head of Youth Action.

Chicago continues to follow youth gang activity in the Chicago area and has an open case on the Blackstone Rangers and will continue to keep Bureau advised in both matters.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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157-1258

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

Officer Pete Rivera, Third District, Chicago Police Department, advised on June 29, 1968, that on the evening of June 28, 1968 three Negro males were arrested with unregistered weapons and charged with unlawful use of weapons, possession of unregistered weapons, and a possibility that other charges may be placed later.

B. APPROX. 1047

Officer Rivera advised that Leon X Young, male Negro, age 19, a teacher for Youth Action; Richard "Peanuts" X Washington, age 18, a singer in the Blackstone Rangers musical and William Walls, age 25, were arrested in connection with the above. Officer Rivera advised that all three use the address of 6262 Stony Island and were arrested at that address.

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Officer Rivera further advised that the following weapons were recovered at the above address in the possession of the individuals mentioned above:

.22 caliber pump Remington model 572 with scope (no serial number).

.22 caliber Harrington and Richardson model 65 rifle serial number 9750.

.22 caliber Stevens model 87A rifle, no serial number listed.

Winchester model 71, lever action, 3.48 caliber serial number 35045.

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

Twelve guage Winchester model 1897 shotgun
serial number 321497.

Rivera advised the Chicago Police Department has as yet not run any tests on the weapons nor able to locate any stolen report on them. Sergeant Rivera also advised that due to the tense area a thorough search of the address where the arrest took place was not conducted and no ammunition was recovered. He also advised that as a result of the arrest there were no problems and no incidents took place.

Youth Action, according to a reliable source, is an agency out of Mayor Daley's Office which works with and tries to settle issues between gangs in the Chicago area. This source also advised that the main group of the Blackstone Rangers remained in Chicago over the weekend and none of the Rangers known to him ventured to Washington during weekend of June 28-29, 1968. Source did state that Nick Dorenzo, a member of the East Side Disciples, a South Side youth Negro gang, was beaten up and shot at a few days ago because of a conflict between him and David Parksale, leader of the East side Disciples, was supposedly to go to Washington to testify and could because of this shooting throw additional light on some of the gang structures on Chicago's South Side. TW

Source also advised that Leon Young, Lemar Bell had advised on June 28, 1968 there was a possibility that they would take the musical show known as "Opportunity Knocks" to Washington over the weekend where they would put on a show before the senate in an effort to show the positive or good side of the Blackstone Rangers.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-27-68

On 3-29-68, fires occurred in major department stores in Chicago, Illinois. The attached pertains to information confidentially furnished our Chicago Office by the Chicago Police Department and includes information allegedly pertaining to above. The police informant has been discredited.

The Blackstone Rangers is a Negro youth gang in Chicago. The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church referred to in the attached and the Blackstone Rangers have been the center of recent testimony given before the McClellan Committee. Inasmuch as the attached was being furnished for our confidential information and guidance, no dissemination being made.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO

ARSON AT MAJOR LOOP DEPARTMENT STORES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH
TWENTY NINE LAST: BLACKSTONE RANGERS. 00:CHICAGO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST CHICAGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT SOURCE ADVISED ^{Chicago Police Department} CGPD ON FOUR FOUR LAST, FOLLOWING.: IN
EARLY FEBRUARY LAST HE ATTENDED MEETING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED SOUTH KIMBARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND FOUR
LEADERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. UNKNOWN MALE
NEGRO COMMENCED MEETING WITH PLANS FOR STARTING FIRES IN CHICAGO
DOWNTOWN AREA. TWO CHICAGO DEPARTMENT STORES WERE NAMED, AND
BLACKSTONE LEADERS PRESENT STATED THEY WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR FIRES TO BE STARTED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE STATED CGPD SOURCE
FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION FIVE DAYS AFTER FIRES WERE DISCOVERED
IN CHICAGO DEPARTMENT STORES AND CGPD DID NOT GIVE CREDENCE TO INFO
FURNISHED BY CGPD SOURCE RE THIS MATTER.

CGPD SOURCE ALSO ADVISED CGPD ON FOUR FOUR LAST, AT MEETING
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UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO DISPLAYED "BLUEPRINTS" FOR THE STREETS AND AREA SURROUNDING AMPHITHEATRE AS WELL AS AMPHITHEATRE ITSELF. AMPHITHEATRE LOCATED CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE AND IS SITE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AUGUST NEXT. UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED KILLING A SENATOR MIGHT HELP KICK OFF A RIOT IN CHICAGO. SENATOR NOT NAMED, BUT REPORTED OPPOSED TO THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION (TWO) GRANT.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED CGPD WERE SUSPICIOUS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY PD SOURCE, ON FOUR FOUR LAST AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY CGPD DETERMINED PD SOURCE A "LIAR" AND NOT RELIABLE.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST, CGPD OFFICERS DOYLE AND HOUTSMA WHO INTERVIEWED CGPD SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE ON FOUR FOUR LAST, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAVE BEEN TESTIFYING BEFORE MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CGPD SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE ON FOUR FOUR LAST IS NOT BELIEVED BY CGPD BECAUSE INVESTIGATION DETERMINED PD SOURCE NOT RELIABLE.

CHICAGO NEWS MEDIA JUNE TWENTY-FIVE LAST CONTAINED ARTICLE INDICATING CGPD OFFICERS HAD ACCEPTED PAYMENTS FROM LEADERS OF

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS. SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED JUNE TWENTY-SIX LAST CGPD OFFICERS DOYLE AND HOUTSMA HAD CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO REPRESENTATIVE OF MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE THAT CGPD OFFICERS HAD ACCEPTED MONEY FROM JEFF FORT, BLACKSTONE LEADER, IN EFFORT TO MAKE BRIBERY CASE, BUT WHEN UNABLE TO MAKE BRIBERY CASE CGPD WERE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN CONFIDENCE OF RANGER LEADERS TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE. SECOND SOURCE STATED CGPD FELT DISCLOSURE BY MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST HAD "BLOWN" EFFORTS OF CGPD TO INFILTRATE BLACKSTONE RANGERS.

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FIRST SOURCE IS SGT. HUDICK, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO PD. SECOND SOURCE IS THOMAS LYONS, DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CGPD. CGPD SOURCE IS RALPH BRAUER, JR, EX CONVICT, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY CG PD OFFICERS AT COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON FOUR FOUR, LAST. LYONS ADVISED THEY DID NOT DISSEMINATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BRAUER WHEN RECEIVED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED RELIABLE, AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY CGPD DETERMINED BRAUER WAS A LIAR AND UNRELIABLE.

LYONS ADVISED NEITHER OFFICER DOYLE OR HOUTSMA WILL TESTIFY ABOUT ABOVE MATTERS DUE TO SOLID BELIEF BRAUER WAS LYING. LYONS ADVISED REPRESENTATIVES OF MCCLELLAND COMMITTEE HAS HAD FULL ACCESS TO CGPD RECORDS SINCE JANUARY LAST, AND MAY RELEASE INFORMATION

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RELATIVE TO ABOVE. LYONS FURTHER ADVISED WINSTON MOORE, WARDEN, COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, ILL. WHO IS AWARE OF INFO BRAUER FURNISHED CGPD, HAS BEEN TESTIFYING BEFORE MCCLELLAND COMMITTEE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, AND MAY RELEASE INFORMATION BY BRAUER. INFORMATION FROM LYONS AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CGPD MUST BE PROTECTED.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR INFORMATION. MCCLELLAND COMMITTEE OR MOORE MAY RELEASE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BRAUER, WHO CGPD CONSIDER TOTATLTY UNRELIABLE. BRAUER PRESENTLY INCARCERATED, PLACE UNKNOWN. NO DISSEMINATION BEING MADE OF ABOVE INASMUCH AS NOT BELIEVED OR BELIEVABLE BY CGPD.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE RALPH BRAUER, JR.

CHICAGO MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR LYONS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (157-1258)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-553)

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE,
SIXTY-EIGHT, RM. 00: CHICAGO

RE CHICAGO TELTYPE TO BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD
JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ELMER NELSON (NA), SHERIFF, KANKAKEE COUNTY,
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT ON TUESDAY, JUNE ~~FIFTEEN~~ ^{EIGHTEEN}
LAST, THREE MALE NEGROES CONTACTED HIM AT THE KANKAKEE COUNTY

COURT HOUSE AND REQUESTED TO TALK TO HIM.

SHERIFF ADVISED THEY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS
OFFICERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CHICAGO PD AND THAT
THEY HAD BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WITH THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS AND
HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT THE RANGERS REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN
PURCHASING FIREARMS IN THE VICINITY OF ST. ANNE, ILLINOIS,
AND FURTHER THAT THEY HAD LEARNED OF SOME WEAPONS AND
AMMUNITION BEING STORED IN KANKAKEE COUNTY.

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SHERIFF NELSON STATED THAT ONE OF THE THE OFFICERS WHOSE NAME HE RECALLS AS NEVELS MADE THE STATEMENT THAT REV. FRY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS "QUEER".

SHERIFF NELSON STATED ~~THAT~~ HE INFORMED THESE OFFICERS THAT HE HAS A COLORED DEPUTY ASSIGNED TO THE EAST SIDE OF KANKAKEE COUNTY AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THE NEGRO ELEMENT IN THAT AREA AND THAT HE WAS WILLING TO LET THIS DEPUTY WORK WITH THEM AT ANY TIME THEY DESIRED. HE STATED THAT SAME DATE THE THREE OFFICERS AND HIS DEPUTY WORKED IN THE RURAL ROUTE, ST. ANNE (HOPKINS PARK) AREA. SHERIFF ADVISED THAT THESE THREE OFFICERS THAT SAME DATE REQUESTED THAT THE DEPUTY MEET THEM ON SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST AT THE POST OFFICE IN ST. ANNE, ILLINOIS. ON JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST, THE DEPUTY MET WITH THESE OFFICERS AND WORKED WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THAT DATE.

SHERIFF ADVISED THAT THE THREE OFFICERS THEN RETURNED AGAIN ON JUNE TWENTYTHREE LAST AND WORKED WITH HIS DEPUTY IN THE SAME AREA.

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SHERIFF NELSON ADVISED THAT THEIR CONTACT WITH HIM ON JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST WAS THE FIRST INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED THAT THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN USING ANY SPACE FOR FIREARMS TRAINING SINCE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO WHEN THERE WAS A RUMOR AND THAT HE WAS NEVER ABLE TO VERIFY THIS RUMOR.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND CHICAGO,
10/1/68
SI ONE FIVE FOUR THREE DASH C PERSONALLY POINTED OUT TO THE ASAC AND TO SPRINGFIELD AGENTS ON APRIL THREE LAST AN AREA WHERE HE STATED HE HAD OBSERVED FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO CLAIMED TO BE WITH THE CHICAGO BLACKSTONE RANGERS FIRING AT TELEPHONE POLES AND THREES.

CI ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF TWO OCCASIONS WHEN THEY, WHO STATED THEY WERE WITH THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, WERE IN THIS AREA AND HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLE WEAPONS.

CI STATED THERE WERE FOUR VERY YOUNG INDIVIDUALS AND ONE OLDER PERSON, ALL NEGROES, AND THEY WERE IN A
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NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT DASH SIXTY WHITE DODGE, LICENSE NUMBER
NOT OBTAINED.

ON SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH ^{INTERVIEW} SI ON FIVE FOUR THREE
DASH C, HE HAS ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HAD ANY FURTHER
CONTACT OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AS
HAVING BEEN IN THE HOPKINS PARK AREA OF KANKAKEE COUNTY BUT
IS REMAINING ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE
INDIVIDUALS.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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SA LEROY D. FEDERLE ascertained from a member of the State Police, at Elgin, Illinois, on June 6, 1968, information which reflected that the Blackstone Rangers were using the Pleasant Valley Farm, located in Mc Henry County for military training. State Police source advised that he observed the Blackstone Rangers training at instant farm on May 15, 1968.

SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF, RA, Waukegan, Illinois, advised on June 7, 1968, that JAMES MASON, Director of the Pleasant Valley Farm advised on this date that instant farm is operated by the Community Renewal Society, located at 116 South Michigan and is primarily for the purpose and use for underprivileged children in the Chicago area. Mr. MASON advised SA GRAFF that many different organizations have used these installations and that no guns are permitted on the premises and that no one staying on the premises is allowed to drink intoxicating beverages.

Mr. MASON advised that JEFF FORT, contacted him approximately in the middle of April, requesting that the Blackstone Rangers be allowed to use the installations at the Pleasant Valley Farm for a couple of days in May. Mr. MASON stated that two dates were arranged and that FORT and approximately

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twenty to twenty-five other young Negroes appeared at instant farm on May 14, and departed on May 16, during which time they played basketball, fished, and helped build one of the buildings that is in the process of expanding the farm. Mr. MASON stated that Mr. FORT advised him that the Rangers belong to a youth ganaction group and more or less are sponsored by the YMCA. Mr. MASON also advised that these individuals acted in a normal way and in fact, thdr quarters were spick and span when they departed on the 16th.

According to Mr. MASON, JEFF FORT, inquired about returning to Pleasant Valley Farm in the fall at which time the Rangers would help finish the building being worked on.

EARL DOTY, a confidential source in the Chicago Office, advised on June 7, 1968, that the Rangers, to the best of his knowledge, were at the Pleasant Valley Farm located just outside of Woodstock, Illinois, during the middle of May for a couple of days, for relaxation. Mr. DOTY also advised that his organization, Youth Action, took JEFF FORT and more or less twenty-one of the Blackstone Rangers to Pleasant Valley Farm, Tuesday and Wednesday, ~~June~~ 4, and 5, 1968, in an effort to get them away from the city to a more pleasant atmosphere and to sit down and talk with them and discuss problems which face the Rangers and south side communittees and in an effort to stop the shooting and killing of inocent youths on Chicago's south side.

Mr. DOTY also advised that EUGENE HARRSTON who had been convicted for solicitation for murder, is now out on bond and is to re-appear in court on the 18th of this month to be sentenced

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow activities on the part of the Blackstone Rangers and to ascertain if Blackstone Rangers visits to Pleasant Valley Farm are purely for relaxation.

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FBI CHICAGO

1150PM DEFERRED 4/29/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-1258) (P) (100-39032) (P)

YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

THE WOODLAWN ORGANIZATION (TWO), MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

MRS. AUDREY WHITE, ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR EAST SIXTY-

FIFTH STREET CHICAGO, TELTPHONICALLY ADVISED CHICAGO FBI INSTANT

HER SON THOMAS WHITE, EIGHTEEN YRS., EMPLOYED BY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER, (OEO), SIXTYFOURTH AND DANTE, CHICAGO, TOLD BY HIS BOSS

AT OEO, MR. CHANEY (PH), THAT HE, WHITE, AND FIFTEEN OTHER EMPLOYEES MUST GIVE FORTY DOLLARS EACH OUT OF THIER PAY CHECKS TO MEMBERS BLACK-

STONE RANGERS. ACCORDING TO WHITE CHANEY GAVE HIS AND CHECKS

OF OTHER FIFTEEN TO EDDIE ROGERS, A BLACK STONE RANGER, TO TAKE TO

NEIGHBORHOOD CURRENCY EXCHANGE TO CASH.

TWO LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO COMPOSED OF NUMEROUS RELIG-

IOUS, POLITICAL, AND CIVIC GROUPS ENGAGED IN ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE

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GENERAL WELFARE OF NEGRO YOUTHS IN AREA RECEIVED NINE HUNDRED SEVENTYTWO THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT FROM OEO, WASHINGTON D.C., SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO RECRUIT NEGRO YOUTHGANGS TO TEACH BASIC READING AND ARITHMETIC TO YOUNG NEGRO DROPOUTS AS AID TO THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

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Memo 4/15/68
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Because of the apparent wide dissemination and the inflammatory nature of the information in referenced airtel, submit the information in a letterhead memorandum in order that Government officials in Washington, D. C., will have the benefit of the information. There is a good possibility that this information will come to the attention of Government officials having responsibilities in connection with racial matters and that it will be distorted. Therefore, it is desirable that the information, which has been well documented as to its lack of credibility in referenced airtel, be disseminated promptly. Include in your letterhead memorandum the article from the 3/10/68 issue of the "Chicago Sunday Tribune."

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NOTE:

George Rose, aged 23, an ex-convict and former third in command of the Blackstone Rangers, Negro youth gang in Chicago, Illinois, furnished the Chicago Police Department information alleging that communists offered grenades, rifles, and automatic weapons mounted on jeeps to the Blackstone Rangers in the event of a riot. He also alleged that black nationalist groups have

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given the gang weapons. Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago and the McClellan Committee are aware of this information. A Chicago newspaper published the information using Rose's name. The Chicago Police Department has not substantiated nor corroborated the major allegations by Rose and they characterize him as an unreliable "con man." Chicago has submitted a well documented airtel about this information in the event inquiries are received about it at the Bureau. Chicago is being instructed to prepare a letterhead memorandum together with the Chicago Police Department's evaluation of the information.

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YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE
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On 3/13 and 18/68 Investigator ROBERT PIERSON and Detectives EDWARD SPELLAR and WILLIAM CORBETT, all of whom are assigned to the Office of the Cook County (Chicago) State's Attorney, were contacted for possible information in their possession regarding youth gangs in Chicago. These men conduct investigations in connection with prosecutions of youth gang members by that office for various violations of law. They furnished certain information and the results of a question and answer interview on 2/7/68 at the Algiers Motel, Chicago, Illinois, with GEORGE ROSE, aka "Watusi," N/M, age 23, who then resided at 6117 S. Kenwood St., Chicago. All of the officers participated in the interview which was recorded from notes taken by PIERSON. They requested their identities be protected. The following is a summary of the pertinent information furnished by ROSE, all of which was elicited from ROSE by means of specific questions.

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Until the middle of the Summer of 1967, ROSE was a member of the Blackstone Rangers, hereinafter called the Rangers, a Negro youth gang on the South Side of Chicago. At that time he held the position of "War Lord" which was the third highest in the chain of command. The two leaders who were above him were EUGENE HAIRSTON, aka "Bull", and JEFF FORT, aka "Angel." ROSE also supplied the names of eighteen other main members of the organization, which he said then had a membership of about 6,000. He said there are Rangers in Milwaukee, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Detroit, but they are independent organizations and there are no national dues involved.

ROSE stated money had been donated to the Rangers by "Youth Job, Urban League, Catholic School Board, and TWO." At one time he saw \$29,000 in "JEFF's mother's house," which money came from dues and protection money collected from businessmen. The money was used for bond money and guns which were purchased from people on the street and gun shops in the suburbs. He estimated they could muster about 200 guns if necessary.

ROSE said at one time they had about fifteen hand grenades, both smoke and fragmentation types, which GENE bought from a fellow named BOB. He had also seen about seven 30-30 carbines. The ultimate aim of the Rangers, he added, was "to have a city full of Blackstone Rangers. JEFF and BULL said they would cause a riot and then make demands," which demands would be jobs, playgrounds, and building renewal.

ROSE further stated that FORT, HAIRSTON, LA MAR BELL, BERNARD GREEN and EDDIE BEY, all Ranger members, have traveled to Philadelphia, Michigan, and California, but he did not know who they contacted except "KARENGA" in California." He said that in the past he has seen HAIRSTON or FORT meet with DICK GREGORY, KARENGA, and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

In connection with dope activities, he said at one time he had "a few hustlers" working for him and that one JIMMY LEE STRAUDER, a dope peddler, wanted the approval of HAIRSTON to allow his peddlers a free hand in the area, but he refused because of the crime syndicate. From conversation he heard from others, ROSE thinks some Rangers may have killed STRAUDER.

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With respect to weapons possibly hidden in the Ranger Headquarters at the First Presbyterian Church, 6400 South Kimbark Street, Chicago, he said he had seen a few hand grenades hidden in a piano in the Assistant Pastor's office and that a false ceiling in the balcony in the gym and a tunnel under the church had been used.

ROSE further stated that the Disciples, another Negro South Side youth gang, at one time stole some guns from a train car and kept them in a church at 74th Street and Maryland Ave., Chicago.

He stated that a riot in the downtown area of Chicago with looting and fires was discussed by the Rangers for 8/67. It was proposed that the Vice Lords, another youth gang, would come from the north, the Puerto Ricans from the west, and armed Rangers from the south and east. He said that during the discussion, Rev. JOHN FRY, W/M, Pastor of the church, "was there for his two cents and then would leave." ROSE said that he talked them out of it because he thought the Army would surround them and that would be the end of the Rangers.

In connection with possible activity at the 1968 Democratic Convention, ROSE said he had seen KARENGA and some people he was told were from Detroit talking with FORT and HAIRSTON, but he did not state the nature of their conversation. He said, "The Tigers of the Sun (black nationalists) are with DICK GREGORY." He added that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be in Chicago and would lead marches and would block all routes to the Amphitheatre. He did not think the Rangers had been committed to anyone but a lot of money had been offered to them for help this summer.

He further stated that when the Rangers made an agreement with the Chicago PD and Agents of the U.S. Treasury Dept. to surrender their guns, they turned in all rusty, non-operating guns and zip guns made for this purpose, but the working guns were kept. He said this was HAIRSTON's and FORT's idea and Rev. FRY agreed with them. He said Rev. FRY hid him in the church on one occasion to escape arrest when police raided the church and arrested others.

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ROSE stated he does not know what power, if any, directs Rev. FRY, and he knows of no direct connection between the Rangers and the black nationalists or the CP.

The aforementioned officers stated that they cannot vouch for the veracity of ROSE or the accuracy of his information. ROSE said that his life was in danger from the Rangers and they believe much of the information he furnished was supposition in that he was scared and gave answers to questions when he did not know the answers. ROSE was unable to give names or any details regarding persons who allegedly offered the Rangers money for help this summer and they think ROSE is guessing regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING's proposed summer activities as hereinbefore stated. ROSE was unable to state the purpose of HAIRSTON's meeting with KARENGA or others. The officers stated they have never heard of an organization called the Tigers of the Sun although they have been familiar with youth gang activities in Chicago for many years.

In connection with ROSE's statement regarding a theft of guns for the Disciples, they said that this rumor occurred about three years ago and the church at 74th and Maryland was searched by police and no guns were found. Furthermore, no theft of guns from a train car was ever verified. Concerning guns allegedly hidden in the Rangers Headquarters at the First Presbyterian Church, they stated that about two years ago it was common knowledge that some guns were there and the police raided the church and obtained about forty guns. At that time, Rev. FRY said he was keeping the guns to prevent the Rangers from using them and charged police harassment.

In any event, they stated, ROSE has been out of the Rangers since 8/67 and is in no position to furnish accurate, current information. ROSE has fled Chicago and they do not know his present whereabouts. At the present time HAIRSTON and FORT are incarcerated awaiting trial on a murder charge and ROSE said he was ordered killed to keep him from trying to take over command of the Rangers in their absence. They added that Rev. FRY has no control over the Rangers especially since CHARLES EDWARD BEY took over as their leader.

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They stated they learned from another source that the attorney's fees for HAIRSTON and FORT are being paid by the Kettering Foundation.

It was their opinion that the Rangers and other youth gangs in Chicago will not riot this summer if they continue to receive money from the Poverty Program through TWO.

TWO, mentioned herein, is The Woodlawn Organization, a Chicago South Side neighborhood rehabilitation organization.

KARENGA is a well known militant black nationalist from Calif.

The Three Star Edition of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago daily newspaper, dated 3/10/68, carried an article by WILLIAM JONES entitled, "Negro Gang Leader Tells Arms Offer." The article contains results of a taped interview with ROSE by Chicago Police and a copy of the article is attached hereto.

On 3/15/68 Lt. EDWARD BUCKNEY, Gang Intelligence Unit, Chicago PD, stated that the information in the newspaper article regarding narcotics and the obtaining of guns in the suburbs is possibly true. He added, however, that the statements regarding mounted 105 millimeter guns is unbelievable. He stated that the police dept. is unable to state whether the statements about the communists are true or not but it should be kept in mind that ROSE is a former gang member and has been a dealer in narcotics and a possible user.

In connection with the tape of the interview with ROSE as described in the article, Lt. BUCKNEY said the tape has been given to the Office of Chicago Mayor RICHARD DALEY. He said the Chief Investigator of the McClellan Committee (Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations) was allowed to hear the tape but he does not know if he was given a copy. BUCKNEY stated he does not know who released the information to the "Chicago Tribune" but that it appeared only in one early edition and was then undoubtedly stopped because of its uncorroborated and inflammatory nature.

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On 3/19/68 Sgt. GARLAND DAVIS, Youth Division, Chicago PD, advised that the information in said newspaper article is, in his opinion, a figment of ROSE's imagination. He said ROSE, according to police information, had been marked for death by the gang and, therefore, he was looking for help and protection and gave information that he believed the police wanted to hear. DAVIS said there has been no information developed by police sources to substantiate ROSE's information. DAVIS is in the position of correlating all information developed by Chicago PD concerning all phases of youth gang activity.

With respect to the inability and disinclination of the Blackstone Rangers to partake in any city-wide or even area-wide disturbances in cooperation with other gangs or black nationalists, the Bureau's attention is directed to CGairtel and LHM 2/15/68 entitled, "BLACKSTONE RANGERS; RM and YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE; RM." Said LHM states in part that reliable confidential sources of the Chicago Office and sources of the Chicago PD, all of whom are well acquainted with gang activities, stated the Blackstone Rangers are presently disorganized due to the incarceration of their top leaders on a variety of criminal charges and said sources have heard no information or indication that the Rangers or any other youth gang is attempting to organize other gangs for the purpose of violence.

Said sources stated that the chief gang concern is the protection of their own gang territory and as a result most gang violence has not been directed at the community, white or Negro, but has resulted over other gang incursions into their territory and recruitment attempts of other gangs. Specifically, the Blackstone Rangers are not known as black nationalists in outlook although some individual members do listen to black nationalist talk and may be susceptible to their literature.

Furthermore, the Blackstone Rangers have an Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) funded program of dropout education currently in progress through TWO and are not likely to jeopardize this grant totalling nearly a million dollars. The best estimate of their membership from sources is that some 1,500 youths owe allegiance of one degree or another to the Rangers.

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Additionally, there is no information available or developed by sources of the Chicago Office which would tend in any way to substantiate or corroborate the major allegations made by ROSE in his statements to police. Specifically, this is in reference to the alleged riot in Chicago's Loop in 8/67, or the information reflecting that people with "funny sounding names.....from Russia", had offered the Rangers jeeps with 105 (millimeter) cannons mounted thereon.

As Sergeant DAVIS, above, has stated in a discussion and analysis of the information provided by ROSE, his background character and past record must be taken into account. He is a long-time youth gang member, does not operate on a commonly accepted level of truth, and as with most gang leaders, has developed the ability to "con" to a fine degree.

The Chicago Police Department has frequently received the allegation concerning handgrenades, as an example, and have established to their satisfaction that there are not, and have not been such explosives in the Rangers' possession. The closest the Chicago Police have come to such was a dummy grenade, in the raid on the First Presbyterian Church, in 1966.

In connection with ROSE, it should be noted he is reportedly out of Chicago at present, in hiding, with his whereabouts unknown to the Police Department. The tape recording of the interview with ROSE is currently in possession of the office of Mayor DALEY. Chicago feels that until such time as this tape is again in possession of the Police Department, no effort should be made to obtain it. Likewise, no interview with ROSE is at this point feasible or deemed desirable by Chicago. Chicago will, however, aggressively pursue this matter with the Police Department, and with sources of this office who are knowledgeable in such matters. Any subsequent pertinent information developed will be provided the Bureau.

Chicago is not making any local dissemination of the above information, due to its nature and that of the source, both of which in themselves tend to reflect so adversely on its credibility.

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This information has been set forth for the Bureau in some detail since there could conceivably be inquiries concerning this matter, noting that the office of Mayor DALEY, who is close to the White House and the McClellan Committee, are aware of its existence.

Negro Gang Leader Tells Arms Offer

BY WILLIAM JONES

White men identifying themselves as Communists have offered a south side Negro gang hand grenades and automatic rifles in the event of a riot, a gang leader marked for death by his comrades has told intelligence unit detectives.

The standing offer includes automatic weapons mounted on jeeps that could be transported to any riot area in the city in semi-trailers, according to the gang leader. The offer was rejected during disturbances two years ago, but only because gang leaders do not trust whites, according to the gang leader.

Now Has Arsenal

The gang since has obtained several cases of weapons from black nationalist groups, according to the leader, and now has hand grenades, automatic rifles, and sniper scopes in its arsenal.

The statements are contained in six hours of tape recordings obtained by authorities from Chicago [Watusi] Rose, 22, an ex-convict who until several weeks ago held the No. 3 position in the Blackstone rangers.

Misses Dope Shipment

Rose sought protection after order from other gang leaders that he be killed for failing to make a connection on a marijuana shipment that was recovered by police in January. The mixup apparently occurred when an out-of-town courier panicked and left nearly 600 pounds of processed marijuana in the trunk of an auto in the alley behind 422 E. 67th st.

Rose said the gang's principal source of weapons has been [unclear]. He said gang members also travel to suburban areas and out-of-state communities to purchase guns. In June, 1965, gang leaders received offers of weapons from a third source, Rose said.

Claims Communist Offer

"They came from the Communist party," Rose said. "When I say Communist party, I mean the black nationalists. See, the white guys from the Communist party came around first. They offered us money and guns and we backed off from it.

"I knew what would have happened in the end if we had gotten involved with them. The day all the riots and everything started you were more trustworthy of a black brother than you were of a Caucasian.

"I remember they had funny sounding names. This one particular guy was from Russia. He was a young guy and his name started with U. I had his telephone number and address and everything.

Money, Armed Jeeps

"They offered us automatic weapons at first and hand grenades and money. After we turned them down, they told us

that if we wanted it, they could go as far as to put jeeps with 105 [millimeter] cannons on them in semi-trailer trucks and drive to any riot area in the city."

Copies of the tapes were obtained by THE TRIBUNE several days after Rose was interviewed in the city where he and his family have been moved.

Lt. Edward Ruckney of the gang intelligence unit of the Chicago police department said his office is evaluating the information on the tapes and refused to comment further.

Senate Gets Tape

Mayor Daley is expected to listen to the tapes this week. It also was learned that investigators from the Senate's permanent subcommittee on investigations have received a copy of the tape. Sen. John L. McClellan [D., Ark.] is chairman of the subcommittee.

Rose said that during the riots in Detroit last summer,

"black nationalists came around and wanted to start it here." He said the same groups also have plans to disrupt the city during the Democratic convention in August.

"The black nationalists will start it," said Rose. "What they're trying to do is get all these different groups from civil rights organizations and get them around the convention center at about the same time.

Only Need a Spark

"Then it won't take but one little spark to start the whole thing off. If you get enough people around there and you have enough scattered incidents, the whole thing will blow up."

Essentially, the Ranger leaders consider the organization as being in the early stages of a "black syndicate" rather than supporting black nationalist causes, according to Rose. In developing this concept, Rose said the gang has a weapons distribution program to guarantee that no Ranger splinter group has too many guns at one time.

"Every few months, all the guns are called back in and reissued," said Rose.

Gang War Uses

He said that gang wars are the main reason for gun distribution but weapons also were issued at the order of gang leaders to kill a particular person.

"Then there would be guns issued to guys right in his

neighborhood," said Rose. "They were supposed to look for him. There weren't that many planned murders, but most of the club members have shot someone at one time or another. It wasn't a regular part of the initiation but if you were scared to do it, you were in trouble."

Rose said he never plans to return to Chicago.

"You take an oath when you join the Rangers," he said. "It goes like this:

"Wherever you are, wherever you go for the rest of your life, your life belongs to the Rangers. And if you every try to quit, you will be killed! And you will kill anyone, even your mother or sister, if they try to harm or interfere with the Ranger structure."

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FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
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YOUTH GANG, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to memorandum from S. B. Donahoe to Mr. C. D. DeLoach dated February 13, 1968, captioned "Blackstone Rangers, Racial Matters," advising of a request from Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House for information concerning the validity of an allegation that the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang in Chicago, Illinois, had worked out agreements with other gangs to "bring havoc" to Chicago.

An inquiry by the Chicago Office failed to develop any information to substantiate the allegation. In fact, the Bureau sources in Chicago thought it highly unlikely that these undisciplined youths would consent to influence or direction from another gang.

The Chicago Police Department was also consulted during the inquiry and stated categorically that they have developed no information indicating that the Blackstone Rangers, or any other youth gang, are attempting to cooperate through "interlocking directorates" to "bring havoc" to Chicago. All these sources consider such gang activity highly unlikely and feel that such cooperation runs counter to traditional gang activities and intergang hostility.

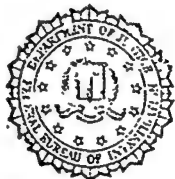
A review of Bureau files concerning the Blackstone Rangers revealed no information to substantiate the allegation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a copy of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House by attached cover letter and that copies be forwarded by routing slips to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

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Confidential sources of this Bureau, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, and a number of whom are well acquainted with the activities of the Blackstone Rangers and youth gang activities in Chicago generally, furnished the following information on February 13 and 14, 1968:

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On February 13 and 14, 1968, sources of the Chicago Police Department who are generally knowledgeable in the racial field, as well as those specifically involved in the daily investigation of youth and youth gangs in Chicago, provided substantially the same information as the sources mentioned above. These sources stated categorically that they have developed no information indicating that the Blackstone Rangers or any other youth gangs are attempting to cooperate through "interlocking directorates" to "bring havoc" to Chicago. All these sources consider such gang activity highly unlikely and feel that such cooperation runs counter to traditional gang activities and intergang hostility.

NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same date, captioned "Information Concerning the Blackstone Rangers, Negro Youth Gang, Chicago, Illinois," prepared by CEG:bff.

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Memorandum

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TO : MR. DeLOACH *D*

DATE: February 13, 1968 *R*

FROM : STERLING B. DONAHOE *SB*

SUBJECT: BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RACIAL MATTERS

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J. Edgar Hoover

Mrs. Mildred Stegall called from the White House at 3:30 p.m. today.

She advised the White House is in receipt of information that the Blackstone Rangers, a Chicago juvenile gang, has worked out agreements with other gangs in the area. According to the data received, each gang has staked out a particular area of Chicago in what is described as "interlocking directorates" in which the gangs plan to bring havoc on the City of Chicago. The source of the information did not indicate whether a timetable had been set but Mrs. Stegall indicated the report causes concern.

ACTION:

The Domestic Intelligence Division will review Bureau files and institute immediate inquiries with the Chicago Office to determine the validity of the allegation. Mrs. Stegall said an early response would be appreciated.

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